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FROM THE Scratch Pad

by Paul Peterson

In the reminders department: Tonight is the slide program on a tour of Russian school systems to be presented by Dr. R.P. Whittaker of North Bend. The event will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Pacific high school library, sponsored by the Port Orford-Langlois Teachers Association... and it's free. I saw the program Saturday night so I can vouch that it's an interesting one.

Guitar enthusiasts should take note that beginners' lessons will start tonight at the grade school at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Community Education Program, the series of five lessons are only a buck each... well worth what you should get out of them, 'cause that Don Smith is a guitar-playing musician, let me tell you! Oh, yeah, students need to bring their own guitar and will need to buy a lesson record... which Don produced himself.

Still no luck in the backwoods yet... though things are looking a little better. I managed to miss one Sunday a.m., which means there are at least a few ol' bucks left... 'cause I also saw a spike. I also managed to lose a whopping big salmon... but saved the day with a small jack. At least I didn't zero out completely on the river. If the salmon season gets extended (we'll know Saturday) through December 31 I just may luck out in the fishing department. Bride, however, says she's not about to keep the skillet hot waiting. (Woman, where is thy faith?)

State Treasurer Jim Redden announced Monday that the State of Oregon has received a triple A bond-credit rating from Moody's Investment Services of New York City. And that means lower interest costs of ten basis points (or one-tenth of one percent) to the Oregon taxpayer. Redden said that if Oregon had had such a bond rating in the past 12 months, there would have been a savings to the taxpayer of \$212,000. During the next 12 months Oregon will issue an estimated \$150,000,000 to \$250,000,000 in bonds and will realize a savings of \$150,000 to \$250,000 because of the new rating. Redden said all this came about because Oregonians have a (richly deserved) reputation as solid, honest and fiscally responsible citizens.

Anybody out there feel like a good run? If so, you can enter the "Run For Fun" Saturday, Nov. 3, 12 noon, at the Sunset Bay Golf Course. The event is being sponsored by the South Coast Track Club. Registration is at 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., with an entrance fee of two-bits to non club members. There'll be races for elementary boys and girls (one mile) junior high, high school, open, over 35, over 40, over 50, men and women. Maybe if they'd lower the entrance fee and let me run in the over 50 women's class I might just give it a whirl.

I've had a couple reports of a tremor that was felt in the area shortly before 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19. Brookings also reported tremors (a couple) which residents described as an earthquake... as they did here. Crescent City residents also felt them... but there was no report of any earthquake activity on area seismographs, according to the Brookings newspaper. No air activities that would have caused sonic booms at the time, either, so it's anybody's guess.

Ripper Reports

BY SEN. JACK RIPPER
 Coos and Curry Counties

It seems that each time we go shopping things have raised another two or three cents. We sometimes wonder where it is going to end. Inflation is the number one crisis of this state and nation.

Congress has not faced up to the problem and the President has taken us, phase by phase, into the most disastrous economic jungle of our time.

Inflation is especially damaging to the person on social security, pension, or any other fixed income. It cuts cash savings in half. Paychecks seem to be always a couple of raises behind. Prices to farmers are slower coming to him than the retail increases to the public.

What can be done to stop it? One answer is to stop our foreign spending. We are still supporting an army all over the world. It is costing us billions of dollars to keep armies in some of the most prosperous nations in the world, such as Japan and Germany. This results in vastly greater amounts of money being spent overseas than foreign countries spend in the United States.

The more surplus American dollars that are floating around the world, the more our dollar goes down in value. If the value of our dollar is cut in half, then prices must double to meet this new little-wanted money. This lack of control in keeping a balance in foreign trade is growing as rapidly as our national debt. It is inflation run rampant.

Our nation has let our merchant marine and shipping slip

disgracefully. We are at the mercy of foreign ships to provide us with our shipping. Since shipping is one of the major businesses of the world, and as our annual freight costs charged by foreign nations is in the billions, this should be another step in equalizing the balance of trade.

But even worse is that we must beg to get foreign ships to carry the oil, metals, and other products that we need for our national security and way of life. This country must actively get back into the ship building and shipping business and develop our merchant marine to make the United States again self sufficient and take its historical role as the leading shipper of the world.

Shortages cause inflation -- the smaller the supply, the higher the price. In a land of plenty such as ours, it is hard to comprehend why suddenly there is not enough to go around. Once again, this is partially caused by the billions of American dollars floating around the world. Other countries holding these surplus dollars have come into our markets to buy our raw materials. They are buying at a price that is higher than the people can pay, thereby causing high prices and shortages here. By purchasing raw materials rather than finished products, it eliminates many jobs in the processing of materials, thus adding to our economic problems.

With little of their gross national product needed to support their own armies, they have developed manufacturing and industrial strength to a

THE LEGISLATURE

A Minority View

"THE ENERGY CRISIS"
 Part I: ELECTRIC POWER

House Republican Leader,
 Gordon Macpherson
 Senate Republican Leader,
 Victor Atiyeh

Like a "hang glider" pilot about to step from a precipice high over the Columbia Gorge... we stand poised at the edge of an electrical energy chasm with no certainty that Mother Nature will be good to us or that our skill as a pilot will carry us to a safe landing at the point of our choice. The first option we do not have is whether to take that first big step. Our demand for electrical energy has already shoved us on our uncertain flight.

Perhaps the Governor brought the pending electrical crisis most clearly in focus when he declared an energy emergency and ordered all non-essential display and advertising lighting off. But, we have been heading for the problem we now face for some time. Precipitation along the upper reaches of the Columbia and the Snake Rivers are far below normal. The winter snowpack, so plentiful two years ago, was followed by a winter which produced only 70 percent of normal. And streamflow on the Columbia River from January through August was the lowest ever recorded.

During the last legislative session, too little was done to deal with the problems. The most positive thing we did was give the Public Utilities Commissioner the authority as of January 1 to allocate gas and electrical energy supplies in times of emergency. We also passed a bill directing the Public Utilities Commissioner to conduct an energy study as the basis for legislative action in 1975. Two measures failed. One would have created an interim Committee on Energy Conservation; the other would have established regulatory procedures for certain fossil fuels, and would have required the Governor to allocate such fuels on a priority basis during emergencies.

Aside from voluntary curtailments of electrical use by all of us -- business, industry, government, and individuals -- there is a need for legislation to deal with the current crisis and to meet or avert future crisis.

Our most immediate concern is providing the Governor executive authority to deal with the seriousness of the moment and to avert energy disasters. The Governor does not clearly have the authority; and though a court test of his lightning ban may affirm the power he has assumed, we call upon legislative leadership to pass legislation during the special session next year which would allow the Governor to control energy supplies and demands in Oregon during a declared "energy emergency" and to coordinate emergency plans with other Western States. Such authority is properly placed with the chief executive of the state. This authority must be clearly defined and it must terminate once the crisis has passed.

Oregon, along with other states in the nation, has been energy use oriented with little regard for conservation too long. This philosophy has produced much waste, not only of energy but of raw materials and finished products as well. In 1971 the State reversed itself and set a course toward conservation with passage of the Oregon Bottle Bill. For the first time the emphasis was placed on re-use, a significant energy saver.

The re-use concept must be carried much further. Although it is impossible to know how much total energy can be saved or generated through extraction of valuable matter from solid waste, it has al-

Coos Salon Meets Here

Coos County Salon 5098/40, a subsidiary of the American Legion Auxiliary, held its regular October meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Meyer in Port Orford with Mrs. W. D. Spencer as Co-hostess.

Mrs. Tom Wilson of North Bend, the Children and Youth Chairman, disclosed that over 80 hours had been devoted to the Cystic Fibrosis Fund Campaign by the membership during the month of September. During the meeting Mrs. Lyle Knox of Coos Bay, presiding officer, administered the Obligation to Mrs. Dallas Wier of Port Orford, making her the newest member of the Salon.

Mrs. Wm. Trott of Bandon accompanied by several members from Coos Bay and North Bend also attended.

point that we cannot compete. Like your own household, we cannot continue to spend more than we take in and still expect things to be normal.

ready proven to be an effective energy answer in Europe and the U.S.

Though we may emerge relatively unharmed from the current crisis, the legislature must expend all personal energy in search of long range solutions. We recommend that the appropriate legislative committees and government agencies closely examine solutions which recognize the need to conserve limited resources used to generate electrical energy (i.e., petroleum) and move full speed ahead with an investigation of renewable energy sources such as the sun, the wind, tidal forces, fusion and geothermal power.

Oregon has a tradition of leadership. The solution of our energy problems is but another challenge. While we apply our special brand of Oregon discipline to the immediate problem, let us free our brightest minds in search of ultimate answers.

In our next report: "Fossil Fuels and the Petroleum Squeeze."

LETTERS to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Another successful Multimodal Physical Examination was held in Port Orford-Langlois School District 2CJ this year for grades 1 and 9 students. A total of 52 ninth graders and 39 first graders took part in this unique examination.

The examination consisted of the nutrition and medical history, vision screening, hearing test, speech evaluation, dental examination, growth and development, blood tests for anemia, albumin and Vitamin A, urinalysis, immunizations and a complete medical examination.

To make this kind of examination possible many medical and supportive paramedical personnel must be involved. This year the staff was provided by the University of Oregon Medical School, Pacific University, Oregon State Board of Health, Curry County Health Dept., Curry County IED and supporting school districts.

The key to a successful program such as this is the volunteer. The good citizens of District 2CJ came through again. They deserve to be recognized for their community spirit and dedication to service. Those volunteers were: Jamie Johnson, Gay Thomas, Donna Lindberg, Margaret Hoppell, Wilma Jensen, Louise Jewells, Toni Kurzhall, Dorothy Alexander, Anona Robinson, Pauline Lenox, Rose Davis, Cecile Paris, Wanda Willis, Delores Mayea, Margaret Meyers, Gurlah Marsh, Mary Yoder, Barbara Gaume, Georgia Dougherty, Jan Price, Thelma Belcher, Polly Childers, June Sabin, Mable Knight, Jean Samudio, Shirley VanLoo, Grace McKenzie, Norma Fitzhugh, all of Port Orford-Langlois; Connie Niemie and Carol Zeigler of Brookings; Evelyn Boice, Edna Morey, Beth Lake and Jo Hale, all of Gold Beach.

High school and eighth grade students who did a great job of helping at various tasks were Boni Johnson, Becky Hoppell, Cory Yoder, Karen Jewells, Georgia Mayea, Nancy Polly, Gail Hefner, Paul Hammerburg, Joe Montgomery and Betty Gerhke. As soon as specific information is available concerning the physical and health condition of the Port Orford-Langlois students you will receive additional information. Donald C. Brent Director Special Education Curry County IED.

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Decisions To Begin Soon

The twentieth year of operation will begin in Oregon this winter for the Great Decisions Program, a neighborhood forum for discussions of America's role in critical international issues.

Clifford Trow, associate professor of history at Oregon State University and president of the Great Decisions state board, announced the eight foreign policy issues selected for discussion. They range from the conflict in the Middle East to the energy crisis. Others are the Atlantic Community; the Soviet-American Detente; Cuba and the Panama Canal Zone; President vs. Congress; the People's Republic of China; People's Republic of China; People's Republic of China.

Great Decisions consists of small informal groups which discuss America's role in international issues. Trow said, "Anyone can participate. It is designed to educate citizens and allow them to participate in the area of foreign policy," he added.

Groups are organized throughout the state and the nation. They are provided booklets which give background and impartial analysis of issues with pros and cons of alternative actions open to the U.S.

Questions relevant to Oregon are included with the booklet. Opinion ballots are also available to participants who desire to express their views on issues to legislators and the State Department.

Great Decisions, now a nationwide program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Assn., was begun 20 years ago in Portland. Trow said that Oregon also pioneered expansion of the program to rural areas through the OSU Extension Service.

Oregonians wishing to participate may contact the Extension office in their county. Booklets are available through Extension office, for a small fee.

Two Winter 4-H Projects

Woodworking and electricity are just two of the 4-H projects which offer an outlet for youthful energy during the long fall and winter months ahead, points out Walt Schroeder, Curry County extension agent.

Both projects stress activities which boys and girls can do at home and both will give them a foundation of knowledge which will be useful the rest of their lives. Schroeder adds. New materials are being introduced in the 4-H woodworking project this year, reports Cal Monroe, Oregon State University assistant state 4-H leader.

"Adventures in Woodworking" is the name of the new 4-H booklet used in the beginning woodworking project. The new booklets, based on materials developed by the University of Wisconsin, will be phased in over the next three years, Monroe explains.

The new project manual has "excellent illustrations showing how to use tools safely and how to build simple wood articles," Monroe adds. Woodworking, which attracted over 450 4-H members last year in Oregon, teaches young people how to use the proper tools while stressing the safe use of the necessary equipment.

Safety is also stressed in the 4-H electricity project, which last year had a statewide enrollment of nearly 300 boys and girls.

In the beginning stage, the 4-H member works with direct current in the "Fun with Low Volts" project. The 4-H member is introduced to electricity and its uses and makes simple models and games while learning such things as elementary circuitry.

The other four units of the project use alternating current as they take the 4-H member into a more detailed study of the how's and why's of electricity and electrical terms.

Young men and women who complete the project will learn



dellenback Report

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DELLENBACK

HOUSE APPROVES MANDATORY FUEL ALLOCATION

In a grim coincidence, the House was just winding up debate on legislation to establish a mandatory fuel allocation program when the Arab States announced their intention to cut oil production for the United States by 5% per month until Israel withdraws from the territories claimed by the Arab States. Shortly after the House received word of the announcement, the legislation passed 337 to 72. I voted in favor of the bill. What we really need are increased supplies, and this bill certainly won't produce such increased supplies. But it does produce the hope that the nation will be better able to meet priority needs for fuel, including heating oil and gasoline.

Although the Arab announcement unquestionably lent a greater sense of urgency to the final debate, I think the bill would have passed overwhelmingly even without the announcement. Predictions of a cold winter with serious fuel shortages and the frustrations of recent gasoline shortages have made most of the country ready for mandatory allocation. Moreover, the voluntary program for allocating crude oil and refinery products initiated last May by the Department of Interior's Office of Oil and Gas was, at best, only partially successful.

Along with other parts of Oregon, the Coos Bay area was especially hard hit by the gasoline shortages this summer. My frequent contacts with the Office of Oil and Gas about the Coos Bay situation convinced me that the Office simply didn't have the power to bring about immediate solutions to crises. Shortages just weren't resolved as promptly as they needed to be. In fact, it was only very recently that relief came in sight for the Coos Bay area when several major oil companies announced their decisions to increase allocations to the area. Significantly, these decisions weren't concrete until a mandatory allocation program was definitely on the horizon.

Because of the weaknesses of the voluntary program, I decided that mandatory allocation of fuel was essential. Along with 34 of my colleagues in the House, I sent a letter to the President urging prompt implementation of a mandatory program. Our letter read in part:

"Experience demonstrates that a voluntary system is not working. This failure, combined with demonstrated short supplies and uneven distribution among vendors, calls for more drastic measures."

The Administration's announcement shortly thereafter that the Office of Oil and Gas would be implementing mandatory allocation was most welcome. Nevertheless, although the Administration's plans are a step in the right direction, they do not, in my opinion, go far enough. The principal drawback is that the mandatory program ordered by the Administration will not apply to gasoline and certain other petroleum fuel products.

The bill which just passed the House, however, would require mandatory allocation of gasoline, crude oil and other petroleum fuel products. This bill will not solve the nation's shortages in fuel, and it creates new problems, particularly in the long run. But it should result in at least a more equitable distribution of existing supplies, and it gives the nation a breathing spell within which to work on alternatives.

Since the Senate passed its version in June, the bill now goes to House-Senate Conference. Hopefully, differences can be ironed out quickly. Any mandatory system will fall far short of perfection when supplies are inadequate to meet all demands, but the crisis we face demands unusual and stringent measures.

what electricity can do. At the same time, they will learn the importance of safety and how to do simple repairs of small appliances.

Although both woodworking and electricity may appeal to many young people in Curry County, expansion of the projects depends upon adults who will serve as volunteer leaders for 4-H groups.

Although woodworking requires access to certain kinds of tools, the electricity project can be conducted with tools generally found in any household, the agent explains.

Young people and adults interested in learning more about the 4-H woodworking and electricity projects are invited to visit or call the Extension Office in Gold Beach.

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CLINTON FROMM

Funeral services for Clinton Willis Fromm, 62, were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Bandon Chapel of Coos Mortuaries. The Rev. Otis Frost of God Church officiated. Private interment was in the Port Orford Cemetery.

Mr. Fromm was born Oct. 14, 1911, in Port Orford and died Oct. 23 in Portland. He was a lifetime resident of Curry County, living at Sixes where he operated a dairy ranch. He served with the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Survivors include his widow Wanda, and children Ronnie, Lonnie, Frankie and Jayne, all of Sixes; brothers, Lex of Gold Beach and Leland of Gresham; sister Yvonne Fromm of Sixes; uncle George Fromm of Bandon; and aunt Anna Coughell of Coos Bay.

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