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MILLIONS MORE COMING TO OREGON—

The urgency of Sandy's sewage disposal problem, along with hundreds of similar problems aggregating from just about every city, town and village in the Willamette valley, is emphasized by recently released figures on population trends in the United States. The figures offer consolation only in the fact that they make it clear that problems such as ours in Sandy are of equal urgency all up and down the valley, not alone to meet the population increase already here, but to provide adequately for the certain greater increases that are on the way.

According to the federal bureau of the census, population of the Willamette valley, on the perimeter of which Sandy is located, now is approximately 1,000,000 people, but in the next 20 years this figure will be multiplied six times to six million people. Substantiating this forecast is a study of private population trends made for a large group of American industries by a private survey organization at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars.

The private study not only substantiated the report of the census bureau, but actually indicated that the time in which this tremendous population growth would be made might be as short as 10 years. The industries study stated that in the next 10 to 20 years, the Willamette valley's population would pass the 5,000,000 mark.

Both of these estimates are based on careful studies of the movement of population in the United States over a long period of years. More than that, the private study also used as a basis statement of intentions and actual plans by a cross section of the nation's citizens.

It is futile for us to consider any of our problems of civic growth and development lightly or to dismiss them as non-essential. Whether or not the maximum growth prophesied in these reports is attained, it is certain that a major percentage of it will be. Even a major percentage will make essential far more in the way of public improvements and expanded public services than we even dream of here in Sandy today.

That is the reason no stone must be left unturned to meet our current problem of financing a sewage disposal system, building our community hospital and planning every move that is made with broad, optimistic visions of the future.

CAN MRS CARLSON QUALIFY?—

Followers of Henry A. Wallace organized a third party in Oregon last week and nominating him as their candidate for the presidency, as was expected. More than that, they made a number of other nominations, one of which was that of Mrs. Peggy Carlson, of Brightwood, as a candidate for representative in congress from the Third Oregon district.

Immediately the question of whether or not Mrs. Carlson can qualify for such candidacy was raised. The reason for the question is the fact that she is a resident of Oregon's first congressional district and hence would naturally be assumed to be ineligible to represent a district in which she is not a resident.

The matter will have to be settled to authoritative sources, by opinion from the attorney general's office or by a decision of state courts. However, on the face of the matter and based on all previous similar situations of which we have knowledge, it is hard for The Post to believe there is any possibility that Mrs. Carlson may legally be a candidate for office as representative of a district in which she does not reside.

Rather, it appears on the surface very much as if the Wallace devotees are attempting to use the revered name of the late Brigadier Gen. Carlson for the purpose of garnering publicity for their activities. If that be the case, the very fact that Mrs. Carlson's eligibility for the office for which she was nominated is under question will serve to aid and abet that purpose.

WHAT IS FREEDOM?—

A group of newspaper men were discussing current events at an informal gathering the other evening. Eventually the subject drifted from the pressing problems of keeping their businesses economically sound in the face of current high production costs to that of freedom of the press, and from their conversation moved to talk about freedom itself.

Just what is freedom, anyway? That was the gist of the talk. A rather startling answer was given by one member of the group. A veteran of war II, father of two small sons, a graduate of law college and an active leader in newspaper association work, he declared that to his mind freedom

has but one true meaning. "Freedom from government." He scoffed at such applications of the word as freedom from fear, freedom from want and others of similar nature. These, he contended were in the final analysis not really freedoms at all because any individual could do something about them if he was free to do so.

Freedom from government, insisted our friend, is the only freedom about which man needs to seriously concern himself. If that freedom is accomplished, all others will be attained as a matter of course if the individual wishes them.

It was not the man's belief that freedom from government would result in licentiousness, but rather that it would so simplify life that man could live at peace with his neighbors, climb to the heights of achievement or loll on the banks of the river as might be his choice.

Whether one agrees with that thinking or not, it must be admitted that much food for thought is supplied by it. Certainly it points up the fact that "freedom" is one of the most abused words in our language, that few of us know what it truly means or that our concept of it is based upon a broad interpretation that would apply equally to all people everywhere. Most of us have some pretty clear ideas of what we think freedom is as it applies to ourselves, but how many of us are willing to apply that same conception of the word to all others? What is freedom?

MILLION DOLLAR DEVELOPMENTS—

The Post today carries a story of three projects which alone represent in investment of approximately \$800,000 in developments already under way on the south slope of Mt. Hood. These are public and semi-public types of projects and in no means do they represent the total expenditures now in process to develop this world-famous recreational area.

Addition of the numerous private projects, such as homes, business places, motels and other improvements which have been made in the last several months or are now in process would easily bring to more than a million dollars the total cost of developments in the making for the south slope of Mt. Hood.

Interesting is the fact that each of the major projects will in a large degree supplement the other in building the future of the Mt. Hood recreational area. One is completion of the east leg to the new road to Timberline Lodge, which will be followed in the future by a west leg to make a loop road to that famous hostelry high on the mountain side. Another is the Skyway—the aerial tramway which will be one of America's greatest tourist attractions when it is completed. A third is the extension of REA electric service. All will combine to give a tremendous lift to the popularity of the Mt. Hood play grounds.

A few short years ago such developments would have seemed fantastic. They are no less great today, although we have become used to hearing of big projects and talking in big figures in recent years to such an extent that we are inclined to minimize greatness. It would be a sorry mistake for us to sell short these great developments on Mt. Hood. Sandy and this entire area will profit from them, directly or indirectly, and the extent to which any particular section benefits will be based upon the cooperation of the people of that section and upon their own efforts to make their community a real integral part of the whole mountain community.

PIONEER PICNIC SUNDAY—

The annual picnic of the Sandy Pioneers will be held next Sunday. Crowning of the pioneer king and queen will highlight the event as usual, but this part of the program will not overshadow the spinning of tales of the good old days and the recounting of fets of courage and pioneering exploits of those who settled the Sandy area years ago.

America is a young country in the family of nations, yet the very nature of our democracy has given importance to our traditions and our history far beyond the realization of the average citizen. The very fabric of our freedom is woven in those gallant pioneer traditions, in the never ending search for greater freedom, greater opportunity for the individual to raise himself to higher standards of living, in the ceaseless struggle to retain for the individual the rights of free enterprise.

The Sandy Pioneers have done a splendid work in passing these traditions down from generation to generation, in instilling new hope and new courage into the hearts of young men and women of this territory, in fixing in their hearts and minds the very spirit of America. Here's a fervent hope and a prayer that such good works shall be continued so long as man shall continue to exist upon this earth.

Gov. John H. Hall last week announced reappointment of George Flagg to the position of state public utilities commissioner, a position which Mr. Flagg filled with outstanding success for many years prior to his resignation last spring to become a candidate for secretary of state. The present appointment was made after Commissioner Carlin, named by Gov. Hall to replace Flagg last spring, tendered his resignation and expressed his desire to return to private life.

Draft Imminence Increases by Setting of Dates for Registry

18-25 Age Group Will Sign Starting Aug. 30

The positions of the nation's draft-age males in regard to the new military draft began to take concrete form this week as President Truman Tuesday ordered registration to begin August 30 for all men 18 through 25.

By virtue of the order, the first registration will continue until Sept. 18; and under the law, actual induction cannot begin before Sept. 22.

Eligible males are divided into 10 age groups for the registry. The schedule, by year of birth, is as follows:

Those born after August 30 in 1922 will register August 30; born in 1923, on August 31 or Sept. 1; 1924, on Sept. 2 or Sept. 3; 1925, Sept. 4 or Sept. 7; 1926, Sept. 8 or Sept. 9; 1927, Sept. 10 or Sept. 11; 1928, Sept. 13 or Sept. 14; 1929, Sept. 15 or Sept. 16; those born in 1930 before Sept. 19, register on Sept. 17 or Sept. 18.

Those born on or after Sept. 19, 1930 will register within 5 days after their 18th birthday.

Eligible men have been instructed to sign up in the area in which they have permanent homes or in which they may be registered to be on the day for registration.

The order in which draft-age men will be called for service is expected to be announced within a few weeks. Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, newly-appointed draft director, has announced.

Between now and the August 30 beginning of registration, the huge task of organizing some 4,000 draft boards to handle registrants must be accomplished.

Selective service officials have estimated that between 200,000 and 250,000 of the draft eligibles will be in uniform by the end of this year, and will stay there for 21 months.

A large number of men in the affected age group will be exempt for various reasons. All must register, however.

Veterans who served 90 days between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 3, 1945, or 12 months between Sept. 16, 1940 and June 24, 1948 (date of passage of the draft bill) will be exempt, as will doctors and other medical men, regularly ordained ministers and students studying for the ministry, members of the national guard or an organized drilling reserve prior to June 25, and conscientious objectors. A "sole surviving son" of a family that lost one or more sons in action or line of duty in the armed forces also will be exempt.

In the deferred class are students, men with dependents, men essential in agriculture, industry, government and research. High school students are deferred until they are graduated or reach the age of 20 (whichever comes first), and college students are deferred for the current academic year. Deferred students, however, must pursue their studies "satisfactorily."

Married men are not exempt, but are expected to be deferred.

July 31 Final Insurance Date

July 31 is the last chance for World War II veterans to reinstate their lapsed GI term insurance without the requirement of a physical examination, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs warned today.

The state veterans' agency, in urging veterans to reinstate, pointed out that the price of two monthly premiums is the only cost.

A statement to the effect that the veteran is in as good physical condition as he was at the time his insurance lapsed, will suffice for most veterans. After July 31 a physical examination will be required to reinstate, where the insurance has lapsed more than three months.

Lowest Cost Available
Term insurance, veterans are reminded, is the same type carried during active service in the armed forces. It is the lowest cost life insurance available.

A recently passed law permits veterans to carry term insurance another five years beyond their previous expiration date, before having to convert to a permanent plan. They must make application for this renewal, however, and premium rates will be based on their attained age at time of renewal.

RIGHT or WRONG

By Dick Horton

This Centennial "Queen Contest" sure has the boys on the business streets of Sandy confused. They don't know who to buy buttons from. So they'll probably end up getting them from both contestants as most of them are members of both the Pow-Wowers and the Sandy Chamber of Commerce. The people up the mountain will probably do the same.

The Centennial buttons look like a good deal for a buck. They are good for admission to the river and stadium shows on every day except Saturday, Aug. 14. Besides some lucky hiton holder might be given a new Ford or a Farmall cub tractor. Something for nothing, yet!

Sandy Kiwanians suffered a setback when they had to call off their Barlow Trail trek last Sunday because so few showed up. It looks like the old story of "let George do it." Walt Beehler, Quint Norquist, Percy Shelley, Eugene Vedder and Art Bellingham and their families were there, but the rest of the Kiwanians, myself included, were too lazy to turn out.

It's too bad, but that seems to be a general attitude around here as far as most service clubs are concerned. People don't like to put out for the good of the entire community.

Most of us just like to stand around and beef about the way the ones who are doing a little work are doing it. But ask the street corner kibitzer to do anything... don't bother, he hasn't got time.

There are some exceptions... the councilmen and Mayor who get blamed for everything; Brenton Vedder, Lyle Seaman and the volunteer firemen who do a lot of work and get very little credit; Ivan Barker and his gigantic task with the hospital; and a few others who are always doing something to promote our community.

But there are not enough of the doers, and their ranks must increase before the Mt. Hood area can come into her own.

Methodist Church Scene of Wedding

The Gresham Methodist church was the scene July 9 of the wedding of Miss Rosa Mae Christie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement R. Christie, Boring, and Virgil O. Cool, son of Mrs. Ruth Woodcock, Cherryville.

Dr. C. W. Bruce performed the 2:30 p. m. ceremony in which the bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a street-length white flowered dress and a white shoulder-length veil. Her flowers were gardenias and sweet peas.

Miss Jane Manz, as maid of honor, wore a gray eyelet embroidery dress with gardenia corsage.

Joseph Coats was best man. A reception was held later at the Eagles Hall in Gresham.

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21-Month Enlistment Authorized by Army

A new enlistment period of 21 months has been authorized by the army for young men from 19 to 25 years inclusive, M. Sgt. B. T. Causgrove station commander of the Gresham army and air force recruiting station, announced this week.

Previously, the army would not allow enlistment for less than 3 years, with longer enlistment terms of 4, 5 and 6 years.

Men who enlist for the 21-month term will be transferred to the enlisted reserve corps on discharge from the service. The reserve obligation may be canceled, however, by extending their enlistments one year.

Sgt. Causgrove said recruiting officials look for announcement of the new, shorter enlistment term to cause a spurt in recruiting among draft-age men, since it enables them to complete their military service in less than 2 years.

Production Mark Set By Fitzgerald Jersey

Standard Muriel Fauvic, a registered cow owned by Zack Fitzgerald, Boring, had completed a "silver medal" production record, according to word received from the American Jersey Cattle club, headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

In qualifying for the award, the cow produced 10,231 pounds of milk and 455 pounds of butterfat in a 365-day test at the age of 1 year 8 months. The record, verified by both Oregon State college and the Jersey club, represents twice the amount of butterfat produced by the average cow in the United States, the headquarters reports.

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