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INFLATION—WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?

President Truman is running up and down the nation making wild claims that the republican party and particularly the 80th congress are responsible for inflation in this country. It is a claim that almost any school child could readily refute and which any person who thinks twice will recognize as pure political hokum.

But since the claim is being made, it is interesting to examine the record. Generally conceded to be the two greatest contributing factors to continued inflation in America are the European recovery program with its \$17,000,000,000 expenditures for products to be shipped to Europe, and the national rearmament program carrying \$14,000,000,000 in expenditures. Of the first, Mr. Truman's own special committee on European recovery declared that the huge volume of aid to Europe was of "such proportions that it will place a substantial burden on the people of the United States... every shipment of scarce goods adds to the inflationary pressure at home... but it may be cheaper in the long run."

It was on that basis and upon the recommendation of that committee and President Truman himself that the recovery program was enacted.

With the knowledge presented by his committee, it would seem that Mr. Truman, if he were a good manager, would have looked for other places to cut costs and trim expenditures. But did he? Again the record supplies a most interesting answer.

Most important place to cut costs, as any one experienced in management will agree, is in the payroll department. Did Mr. Truman do anything about that? Not according to the record. The record shows that the federal government, instead of decreasing employment, thus freeing workers for civilian jobs where they are much needed and reducing the flow of government funds into the channels of trade, has continued to increase its payroll. These increases have not come primarily from justified salary increase to meet living costs. On the contrary, they have come largely from adding to the number of government employees.

The record shows that civilian employees of the federal government have increased at a rate of 517 per day for every day of this year of 1948. That is a rate of more than one new employe for every minute of every working day.

Right here in Oregon, these employes are drawing pay in 307 federal offices. That is the number given in the last Oregon Blue Book and does not include additions since that publication was released several months ago. And it does not include employes in postoffice, relief nor employment offices.

Those extracts from the record are typical of the Truman efforts to stem inflation. They are the background upon which he charges that the republican party is responsible for inflation in America. Well, it looks like the American public is ready to formally advise Mr. Truman that he can't pull the wool over their eyes and the date set for making the announcement is November 3rd, when the ballots are counted and the results of the November election proclaim Tom Dewey the president-elect.

NO PARKING METERS IN SANDY—

There'll be no parking meters in Sandy. The citizens slapped down a proposal to install parking meters at a special election last Monday by the lopsided vote of 129 to 26.

That makes it pretty definite that Sandy citizens believe there is still plenty of space for convenient parking with the city and that if the streets are over-crowded occasionally there are other and better methods of solving the problem than by charging Sandy's loyal customers for the privilege of parking here while they transact their business.

STRONG LOCAL CANDIDATE—

Recently The Post urged support of Sen. Howard Belton, of Clackamas county, for the office of state treasurer and mentioned, among his many fine qualifications, the fact that he was a local citizen. Speaking of local citizens who are highly qualified for public office and who should have support of voters in this community, we can come even closer to home with one recommendation.

That is for J. S. "Jack" Greenwood, republican nominee for re-election as state representative from Clackamas county. Both Jack and his record are so well and so favorably known in these parts as to hardly need any comment from us. The "Old Man of the Mountain" has been in there fighting for sound legislation for several terms. He is one of the top-ranking members of the house and belongs to that particularly valu-

able group which can neither be classed as hide bound conservatives nor left-wing liberals. Jack has a fine knack for detecting jokers in proposed legislation and for insisting upon their removal from bills that might otherwise be good. Having come up the hard way by dint of real struggle, Jack has the good sense to value the taxpayers' money as if it were his own, and to scrutinize all legislation carrying appropriations with an eye to seeing to it that the items for which expenditures are proposed are of real need to the state and will return full value for every dollar invested in them.

The Post is happy to have opportunity to recommend a "home town" candidate with such fine qualifications. Along with Rep. Greenwood, The Post recommends Lloyd Crosby, a newcomer to Clackamas county politics but a man with a fine record of experience and accomplishment. He has previous legislative experience in another state, which adds to his qualifications. For the third representative, The Post recommends re-election of Herman Chindgren. Rep Chindgren is opposed by some segments of the county, but nonetheless his record in the house demonstrates that his good points far outnumber the objections and warrant his return to the house.

PENSION BILL A PHONY—

Add to the list of questions on the November ballot which should be slapped down by Oregon voters the old age pension initiative sponsored by Joe Dunne and associates. The bill seeks to establish a minimum monthly old age pension of \$50 per month for all whose individual incomes are less than that amount, regardless of dependency status or wives or husbands whose spouses are responsible for their support and able to support them. It also would disregard individual income or lack of it up to the amount of \$50.

The bill would institute questionable constitutional controls by obligating the legislature to sustain such pensions and by forbidding the courts from interfering. It also would jeopardize federal grants currently received on the basis of need, thus, in the long run it might easily prove to be more harmful than beneficial to those it proposes to aid.

The ballot title is sufficiently well drawn to attract favorable votes of those sympathetic to old-age assistance, but voters will be wise not to be misled by the title. The best interests of the state demand that it be defeated and The Post recommends that you vote 311 "No."

SEWER MEASURES WIN AGAIN—

"Never say die" is the spirit manifested by citizens of Sandy last Monday when they gave thumping approval at a special election to three new measures for financing a sewer and sewage disposal system in Sandy. It was a fine demonstration that the community will not be thwarted no matter how difficult becomes the path of progress.

Voters expressed their eagerness for city sanitary facilities by approving a measure to amend the city charter and authorize issuance of \$100,000 in general obligation bonds by a margin of more than three to one. They authorized levy of a special tax by the same margin and finally gave their O. K. to sewer services charges of not to exceed \$1.50 per month by a margin of more than two to one.

City dads now may breathe a sigh of relief and proceed with plans for installation of the sanitary facilities at the earliest feasible time.

CHURCHILL WANTS SHOWDOWN—

The recent speech of Winston Churchill, strong man of England, calling for an early showdown with Russia has stirred great interest and much comment throughout the world. It was of particular interest to this column since it echoed the suggestion made here a few weeks earlier that the time has come to call a halt to Russia's machinations and duplicity in Europe.

Churchill backed up his statements with the fact that possession of the atom bomb by the United States is the only guarantee of peace right now and that delay in demanding an end to Russia's policy of aggression and secrecy would only give the Reds time to develop the bomb for themselves. When that time comes, according to Mr. Churchill, it will be too late for the rest of the world to protect itself.

At the rate human casualties have been mounting as a result of hunting accidents it looks like it may be a close race as to whether or not there will be more deer killed than hunters.

Don't forget that a "Yes" vote on the soldiers' bonus bill will be like a slap in the face to most of the members of Oregon's famed 41st division. Those veterans would be barred from participation in the bonus because they were in the service before December 7, 1941.

Our own Congressman Walter Norblad may have the most youthful face in congress, but his sage observations and alert actions have demonstrated that he has more intelligent and sounder judgement than many of the graybeards who have been gathering moss in Washington for many years.

Covered Walk Will Shield SHS Students



Workmen in the above photo are shown putting finishing touches to the covered walkway between the two Sandy High School buildings. The structure, built at a cost of \$3,500, was completed at the end of last week. It is to be painted white when weather conditions permit. Carpenters who worked on the covered walk were S. M. Currie, John Dunn, E. P. Smith and J. A. McReynolds. It was started about three weeks ago.

**"Notes by the Wayside"
County Growers Expected to Offer Competition at State Corn Show**

By John J. Inskeep, County Agent
Clackamas County growers may not win any blue ribbons for exhibits at the state corn show slated for Canby on December 10, 11 and 12th but the way it looks right now they will give someone a run for the money.

Macksburg 4-H'ers led right off at the Pacific International. Look out for these boys and other Clackamas County 4-H members later on.

The week before the Pacific International Clive Cook and I inspected a corn variety trial conducted on Leverant Payzant's Macksburg farm. The field in question is represented by rather poor drainage so Leverant was unable to plant until well into June. Consequently none of the varieties were past the dough stage. Hybrid 355, the Clackamas County standard, was used for checking, and we noted that three of the new ones looked well in comparison. They will be tried again next year and we hope to get them planted in May.

After the inspection, Leverant said, "You should drop by and see 'Heinie' Herkamp's 335 hybrid field. Heinie's field followed red clover. Before plowing he top dressed with two hundred pounds of phosphate per acre and two hundred of 16-20-0." We decided to do just that and Leverant tagged along. On the way we picked up Ray Hintz, winner of the sweepstakes in the 1947 Clackamas County show.

Owners Were Hunting
Of course Heinie and Ed Koch, who has an excellent field across the road were hunting like most everyone else, but we had a look anyway and swiped a few ears. They were well matured and these fields are just as well matured as usual at this time of year.

From these inspections, it appears evident that we have a good if a little late corn year. These fields are seen all over the southern portion of Clackamas County and there are a number of good ones in the northern portion and in the foothills.

Corn exhibits at the Springwater fair proved this point. Some of these older grass fields are being plowed under, adding humus to hungry red soils. Good corn and small grain cereals are the result.

Standard County Hybrid
I indicated that 355 is the standard Clackamas County hybrid. So it is, but a few like other varieties. Albert Eyman of Molalla and his son Steve like hybrid 410, because, as Albert says, "It has a stiffer stalk and stands erect in the field during fall and winter storms."

Sandy Fleets Eyed
Next year we may find a co-operator and conduct a corn variety trial near Sandy or Boring. Inspection of corn fields in this area indicates that growers are using tall growing—so-called—ensilage corn. True, some of these varieties grow tall, but past demonstrations indicate that shorter varieties well eared make more tonnage and twice the feed value per acre.

During the Portland show, Walrod, Hinckley and I had a conference with LeRoy Wright, former Clackamas County 4-H club leader and present Sherman County extension agent. In fact, LeRoy resigned his Clackamas County position to become extension agent there. He has maintained an excellent 4-H meat animal program.

LeRoy agrees with our idea that we should change the standard 4-H steer feeding project in the Willamette valley. It is the practice all over the state at the present time for 4-H boys and girls and Future Farmer boys to purchase fall calves at weaning and to push them for shows the following year.

Should Utilize Pastures
As LeRoy says, "This is all right for Sherman and similar counties where we have little pasture and plenty of grain, some of it waste, but you should utilize your rapidly developing pasture program. No way exists of doing this with calves less than a year or even fifteen months of age. These younger animals cannot utilize enough roughage to grow them out and fatten them at the same time."

So here is our suggestion to our Clackamas County 4-H'ers, Future Farmers and other stockmen. Purchase good long yearling feeder steers from breeders or the yards in the fall. Carry them over winter on pasture and cheap but good grass and clover hay. Allow them to fatten as two year olds on lush spring and summer pastures, possibly feeding some grain during the last two months.

This system has one disadvantage so far as the youngsters are concerned. Cattle on pasture are not so easily gentled for the show ring as those stall or pen fed.

Has Disadvantages
On the other hand, it has several advantages, youngsters will learn a more practical method of feeding, and they should not necessarily limit purchases to one animal. Their fattened steers could be judged either at Canby or on the yards and they could inspect the carcasses and learn results of individual feeding differences.

We talked this matter over with Earl Trimble of Molalla during his visit to the Pacific International and he is thoroughly in accord. Earl says, "If these youngsters were to be taught practical methods of raising livestock, they should be able to make a profit at market prices and this often cannot be done with heavily grain fed calves in this area."

Purchase of real good feeder calves for this purpose cannot be over-stressed. These high flanked long-legged steers, do not utilize pasture, or any other feed for that matter, in an economical manner.

Visits Boring Breeder
We haven't the space for listing all of the great number of Clackamas county people visiting the show, and the many Clackamas County winners; but here are a few of them.

On Monday, I visited with Jack Meier, Boring, Brown Swiss breeder who was an interested spectator during the Brown Swiss show.

Jack said, "I have never had better pasture than this year and it sure has eliminated use of a lot of hay. My pastures are all fertilized for fall use."

Of course, Jack depends on Alta fescue and sub-clover. The point is, however, that after one year of winter pasture fertilizer demonstrations, fall fertilization for winter pasture is being extensively practiced this fall.

This idea came from a visit at the University of Georgia during my southern trip in the spring of 1947. Maybe that trip will pay off more ways than one.

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