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IS THIS CONSISTENT?

President Truman delivered his "state of the union" message to congress on Wednesday. He came out swinging for just about everything he had mentioned during his triumphant campaign and the character of the speech was artfully designed to win the plaudits of the multitudes.

Of necessity, the president didn't go into detail on most of the recommendations he made to congress. More specific information on his program will be given to the lawmakers in his message on the budget and in subsequent messages on international affairs. Indirect messages through members of the congress and through various department heads will round out the program of supplying the whole fabric of presidential ideas to the legislators.

Time has not permitted us to give the Wednesday message a complete analysis, but one thing stood out prominently in our mind as we listened to it over the radio. In his opening statements, President Truman declared it to be the duty of government to make it possible for all citizens to work at the jobs at which they were most able and of their own free choice. Further along, he emphatically urged repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and re enactment of the Wagner labor bill, with some revisions which he had previously recommended.

It seemed to us that fulfillment of such a recommendation would be entirely inconsistent with the president's opening remarks about government's responsibility to make the free choice of jobs possible for all citizens. The reason, of course, is that out-right repeal of the Taft-Hartley act and re enactment of the Wagner act, including the changes Mr. Truman has previously recommended, would again legalize the closed shop—the biggest single obstacle to free choice of jobs in the nation.

The government simply cannot live up to the duty of guaranteeing a free choice of jobs if it legalizes the closed shop. The closed shop has been, to our mind, the most reprehensible and un-American part of labor legislation ever foisted upon the nation. Countless American workmen subscribe to the fact that it effectively prohibits the free choice of jobs, and sets up a dictatorship of union officials that practically eliminates democratic control of labor organizations by the members.

To advocate free choice of jobs in one breath and in the next recommend legislation legalizing the closed shop just doesn't add up to consistency in our book. It smacks more like demagoguery to us.

"TRAIL" SETS PUBLISHING RECORDS

It is rare indeed when demand for a newly published book is so great that supplies in bookstores are exhausted when the author arrives, by special pre-arrangement, to autograph them at a special introductory selling event. Yet that is exactly what happened in the case of Martha Ferguson McKeown's first published work, "The Trail Led North."

It didn't happen once, but several times during the first weeks after Mrs. McKeown's glowing story of the northland was released. It happened in Portland and again in San Francisco and in other cities, after the author had made special trips to those places from her Hood River home to autograph copies of the book. Customers had gobbled up the entire supplies of the many stores in which "The Trail" was on sale. Now Mrs. McKeown is busy making a second series of trips to autograph copies of the book for later buyers.

On top of that, The MacMillan Company, publishers of the book, had more than 2,000 copies delivered to cities in the Northwest by air freight in order to prevent disappointments of many who wanted to give the book as a Christmas gift. That's a record seldom equaled in the publishing field and one which has caused representatives of the publishing firm to state their confidence that in "The Trail Led North," Mrs. McKeown has produced a volume which will have a long life and will become a standard book in the field of Northwest Americana.

SPRING FLOODS AGAIN THREATEN—

Although the advent of spring still is several weeks away, threats of spring floods in the lower Columbia River area and in the Willamette valley already are in the air—and with little or nothing done to permanently repair much of the damage and weakening of dikes along the Columbia which resulted from the devastating flood of last spring.

Records indicate there is more snow water stored in the mountains this year than for many previous years. Soft weather without rain could and might permit a sufficient runoff of snow water to lessen the danger of flood or to hold the flood stages low

enough to prevent a repetition of last year's major disaster. Gradual runoff of water from melting snow at a time when the flow of our rivers is not increased by heavy rains is about the only hope.

Last year, the Willamette floods were of less degree than in many seasons, or the toll from floods would have mounted far higher than it did. The situation this year indicates that it will be almost miraculous if we escape without the dire consequences of both the Willamette and Columbia reaching record flood stages at the same time. The loss that would ensue is too staggering to contemplate.

Here in Sandy we are safe from the direct and immediate dangers that floods bring, but we have a vital interest in preventing those losses just the same. Any catastrophe which takes such a heavy toll of lives and property in our state, and particularly so close to us, cannot help but be reflected in our own lives and business.

All of the people of Oregon must awaken to the tragedy of repeated floods and to the constant threat of such repetition. They must join in a continuing effort to bring about such installations in the way of dikes, dams and other devices for flood prevention and control as are needed to put an end to the constant threat of floods. That effort simply must be continued until the necessary results are achieved.

Achievement of the flood control goals will automatically enrich the entire area in a measure far beyond the annual savings from the prevention of floods. New lands in production, drainage of present cultivated areas to permit more intensified cropping and creation of fine new recreational resources all will result. Oregon has everything to gain in such a program and close to everything to lose if the program is not eventually carried out.

APPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

One of the numerous major problems which will be presented to the Oregon legislature after it convenes next week will be the matter of reapportionment of state legislative districts and, coupled with it, the question of whether or not such districts should be split into smaller districts within the heavily populated counties which have several seats in one or both houses of the legislature.

The matter has been shunted aside time and again, but pressures are growing in all parts of the state, including Clackamas county, for reapportionment that will truly make representation in the legislature on a basis of population. The rapid increase in the state's population, with a high percentage of newcomers locating in the western part of the state, has thrown the apportionment which has applied for many years so far out of balance as to make it almost ludicrous.

By the same token, election of a number of representatives or senators from a single county on an "at large" basis has developed a situation which makes it all but impossible for voters to acquaint themselves with the candidates and to have sufficient knowledge of the office seekers and their records to vote intelligently upon them. That has not and does not make for a high-quality legislature such as Oregon should and could have.

Quite naturally, the matter of disturbing the present distribution, shifting districts or dividing them is distasteful to legislators since it alters the position of each of them. Some may be crowded out entirely. Others may find that they have to cover new and larger districts at election time if they wish to retain their posts. Regardless of that, the job should be undertaken and carried to a just conclusion and it is the responsibility of the voters to see that it is done.

Reapportionment undoubtedly would give Clackamas county more representation in the legislature. Division of the county in districts, likewise, would guarantee that all areas in the county have a real voice in the acts of the legislative assembly.

It's an exhilarating experience to have a few days of freezing weather such as we have experienced during the last week. But after a few days, most of us long for a return of Oregon's dry rain and higher temperatures.

Whatever may have happened to other lines of business in November, and many showed some decline, automobile travel in Oregon continued to increase and pour greater sums into state coffers from gasoline taxes. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reports that gasoline purchases in Oregon in November totalled 37,348,030 gallons or an increase of 14 percent over the same month in 1947. And with 1948 car registrations passing the 600,000 mark, there is no doubt that business in this particular field will continue to climb.

The State of Oregon is doing all right by war II veterans when it comes to helping them acquire homes or farms. In 1948 alone, the state made available loans to veterans for these purposes of approximately \$8,000,000. This makes a total of \$10,000,000 home and farm loans of the state veterans department in a period of about two years. The loans are made up to 75 percent of the appraised value of the property, with a maximum limit of \$6,000. Most of them run for 15 years and carry interest at four percent, which should be an important factor in aiding the veteran to pay out even in the face of some adversity.

RIGHT or WRONG

By Dick Horton

Vote Monday

The 64 dollar question worth over \$20,000 to Sandy grade school district taxpayers comes up for vote Monday night.

It's simple. Remain under the Rural School Law and Sandy grade school benefits by a net gain of over \$20,000.

Get out, and the taxpayers will have to dig up that money from their own pockets.

Boiled down the Rural School Law works like this. All school districts are taxed by the county rural school board at a stated millage rate. The same rate in each district. The money collected is then redistributed among the schools according to enrollment. Those schools with high enrollment get the biggest cut.

Low assessed valuation, high enrollment is the story at Sandy. Sandy benefits. Last year it amounted to a net gain of \$23,679. This year the gain might be greater. Sandy's enrollment has increased.

Like every other male car driver, I've always held my own abilities at the wheel above reproach. But last Wednesday my thoughts of supremacy received a sudden jolt. My ego vanished, and I received a low bill.

It was snowing gently that morning down on Cedar Creek. No need for chains, I judged. Meining's hill will be a cinch. Just take it slow and easy.

But the amount of ice and snow increased as my car and I bounced over the chuck holes on Hillcrest road.

Halfway up the hill king ice and I came to grips, and both my car and I were soon sitting in the ditch. So blocking half the road and with its back end hanging near the cliff, my car would move no more.

First guy to show up at the scene of my plight was a joker who shouted in greeting, "Hi, California, a little slippery out this morning." My ego and I crawled beneath the car. But there was no escape.

Neighbors down my way hurry every morning to beat me up the hill for they now know that it was I who kept them blocked last Wednesday from going to the top.

Kiwanis officers for 1949 were installed last night. Dr. William Grashorn, president; Dr. D. M. Bramwell, vice-president, and Eugene Vedder, secretary. They have a big job, and they'll do a good one.

But Floyd Light, out-going prexy, has started them off with a big push. He rightly deserves the tribute paid to him by Dr. Bramwell last Thursday night. "Floyd has made the Sandy Kiwanis Club," said Dr. Bramwell. And rightly so.

Floyd took over as prexy when the Kiwanis club was about to fold. Few members showed up for the weekly dinners. It was a sad deal.

But through sheer hard work and sacrifice, Floyd soon was packing them each Thursday night. Members of the club were working on projects. Sandy's Kiwanis club was here to stay. Here to stay because, mainly, one man did not want his name tacked on to a failure.

Millers Give New Year's Breakfast

BULL RUN—Mr. and Mrs. George Miller entertained at breakfast New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. Ray Colson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gomall, all of Sandy.

Miss Jenetta Stephens, of Portland, spent this last week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paul and family.

Visitors this last week of Mrs. C. F. Allen and Vera were Mrs. Allen's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Bottrell, and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen, of Susanville, California.

Visit in Portland

Miss Shirley Hornback, of Bull Run, and Miss Doris Hornback, of Cottrell, spent last week visiting relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Domaschofsky and daughter, Patty, of Portland, spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. William Siedel.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Zeller and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Zeller's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Joffe, in Albany. Also with Mr. Zeller's parent, Mr. and Mrs. John Zeller of Albany.

The P-TA voted to change their meeting date to the first Thursday of each month and to meet in the evenings.

At Sandy Bluff--

SANDY BLUFF—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warner and children, Faye and David, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caldo and Mrs. Ellen Radford spent New Year's day in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hix.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ault had as New Year's guests, Mr. and Mrs. George Chaudion and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Chaudion, of Portland; Mrs. Crose, of Cottrell, and their grandson, "Little Benny" while his parents spent the day at Mt. Hood.

Letter To the Editor

Dear Mr. Horton:

While gathering up enough courage to write in my two cents worth concerning Clackamas county roads I imagined the contest would surely be closed, but I see by this week's paper that you are urging more people who live on these lumpy roads to write in their pet peeves.

We haven't lived out here so long and I thought if any one should write, it should be an "old-timer", but I guess they have stood the bum road so long that they are used to it by now. But not me. I come from where the highways are swell and the county roads are kept in very good condition.

Here is what makes it so disgusting to live on this Bear Creek road:

In-as-much as one of Sandy's citizens took more money out of his own pocket than most of us save in a life time to build up this road for logging purposes, it seems a pity that the county can't hire one man to run the road grader over it. There is a great string of gravel on both sides of the road from one end to the other, and a road grader parked right handy. It seems a shame that the grader can't shove this side gravel back into the holes.

Two years ago my husband and a few neighbors went to Oregon City to see what could be done. They were told that in the spring and summer they had so much road work that they couldn't make all the rounds, and that in the fall and winter they couldn't work this road as they would get stuck. So in the meantime this citizen made a road well worth taking care of, as it has plenty of gravel now and won't cost the county a cent, only for the grader.

It would not be like having to build the road. Another thing, one of the Sandy high school busses has to negotiate this road, picking up not only the high school children but the Dover school children as well.

I am the correspondent for the Dover district and I walk to get my news items. I have actually had to stop in some places to figure a way to get around the water holes without getting too wet. If it wasn't so cold I'd seriously consider wearing my bathing suit and swim through the deepest ones.

Laying all joking aside, though, when my son drives the car and I'm along he almost always says to me at some time during the trip from our home to the beginning of the black top, "Hold

Poem Attacks Snow on Road

(Although The Sandy Post normally does not print poetry, the following lines of verse seemed to express so aptly the feelings of motorists hampered by last week's snow, that this rule was broken. This poem was written by Mrs. Mickey Murray, of Brightwood, and described, she said, her trials last week as she drove daily from her home to the Gresham office of the Portland General Electric Company, where she is employed.—Ed.)

Snow on the Loop

Coming from a leaden sky
Like fluffy feathers, drifting by,
Falling on the earth below,
Gobs and gobs of white, wet snow.

I say goodbye to my abode
And drive the car onto the road;
With bated breath, the wheel I grip
Hoping I can make the trip.

Wondering if I lack good sense
The twenty miles I commence;
Slipping, sliding down the hills
I'm turning green up to the gills.

Soon I have to make a turn
To meet a car—with wheels that churn
And turn me every way but which
I know I'm heading for the ditch!

No matter how I try, the car
Refused to move and here I am
Sitting in a bank of snow
And only nineteen miles to go.

A motorist who saw my plight
Stopped to help, and then the fight
To extricate the car began;
Sometimes there's nothing like a man!

Twenty minutes, more or less,
Saw me out of this one mess
And back again upon the road
Relieved of quite a heavy load.

But this one deal was just the first
I really hadn't seen the worst;
Each dreaded mile I held my breath
And gripped the wheel, scared half to death!

My judgement I had cause to doubt,
The car was playing turnabout;
When I was here I should be there
The dog-goned thing was every-where!

Mile by mile I made my way
Until at last with spirits gay
I note—with seven miles to go,
The road ahead is clear of snow.

I look a wreck, I feel a mess,
Can't take it any more, I guess.
Late for work I park my hack,
In eight hours I'll be starting back.

your hat, Mom, we're going down into a grave".

So you see the holes are really bad and no fooling, and there's no reason to have any holes at all with all that good gravel laying along the sides and the road graders staring us in the face for the past month or so.

The county should be thankful enough to the citizen who "made" the road by keeping it up, and letting all this man's good time and money become a total loss to the county and community.

Mrs. Ray Nugent

Dear Mr. Horton:

I've been reading a lot about our roads here in Clackamas county. Lots of us are discouraged with our roads even though they aren't as bad as they used to be when we had two planks on each side. Then when it would rain hard, the planks would be washed out and swim across the road. Like the year my husband was sick and I had to go down to the road and drain the water out and put the planks back so we could get him to the doctor.

When there is some work to be done without pay, we tax payers can do it. And believe me, we all on the McCabe road have done a lot of it to keep our road up.

I have worked on our road from our place to the school bus stop all by myself a lot. I picked up rocks in our pasture and took the team and hauled them to the holes.

That was during the war. I also took the axe and cut the brush out from our place to Jadryny road, although the road needed to be slashed all the way down to the highway.

I asked Mr. Peterson, as he is our road boss, to give that job to my husband and that either his brother or Mr. Jadryny could help him.

When I asked Mr. Peterson the third time he said they had their help that would slash out the brush along the road. I believe they had two men from Oregon City to come up here. They did a good job, but it took them longer than two men that lived right here would have.

When there is a pay job the tax payers here don't get the job.

Now for some years Mr. Zastera, who's paid taxes since 1895, went with us to see Mr. Pope to put a road up to Mr. Zastera's place. He told them he will give the land, only to put the road on the line. They never even came up to see about it.

When you go to Mr. Zastera's you have to leave your car on the Lookout road and walk in. You can't drive, and I think as long as he's been paying taxes, he's entitled to a road, as he has a good-sized farm.

The county got a road surveyed over the hill this winter and no one lives there at all this winter. If the county has money for that road, a road to Mr. Zastera's is more important.

We hope Mr. Skoko will be able to help out where it is needed most.

Interested tax payer,
Mrs. F. Linhart

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