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WE REPEAT—DON'T BE MISLED—

Last week we urged readers of this column not to be misled by claims of forces who are opposed to the establishment of a public hospital district in the Sandy and Mt. Hood community. We pointed out the law providing for establishment of hospital districts is permissive in nature and does not set tax levies, but that it does definitely place a limit upon how large those levies may be. We also urged our readers to read the law and satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of those statements.

It was also pointed out that claims of hospital opponents that we would be voting a 30 year tax of 10 mills upon ourselves if we voted for a hospital district were misleading. They are. And we again urge our readers not to be misled by quotation of single sentences lifted from the law which do not completely cover the points involved.

At the request of anti-hospital forces, The Post this week has printed on the front page the portions of the law relating to establishment of hospital districts as supplied to it by the Anti-Hospital Committee, with parts of the text printed in black face type as underlined by that committee in the original copy given us for publication. Let's have a look at that law to see whether or not it is misleading to attempt to direct major attention to these portions while skipping lightly over other parts of the law.

The first sentence of Section 11 says, "For the purpose of carrying into effect all or any of the powers hereby granted, such corporation, when authorized at any properly called election held for said purpose, shall have the power to borrow money and sell or dispose of general obligation bonds."

Now keep that in mind when you read the blackface type used to emphasize the words set out by the anti-hospital committee and which appear several sentences further down in Section 11. These words are, "provided, that if such corporation has within its corporate limits a population of 300 or over, then it shall be permitted to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed in the aggregate 10 percent of the actual valuation of all property by law assessable for state and county purposes."

Note that the provisions of the first sentence still prevail over the words in blackface type. In short, the hospital district cannot issue bonds without approval of the voters of the district at an election properly called for that specific purpose. A part of properly calling such an election is to submit to the voters the amount of the debt which could be contracted. Thus it would be impossible for the hospital district, or its government board, to place a burdensome debt upon the taxpayers of the district. In addition, they could not bond in excess of 10 mills even if the voters wanted to do so, because the law specifically establishes 10 mills as the limit.

Now note that the next lines in blackface type say, "The said governing body may adopt such a resolution without submitting the question of such pledge to a vote of the electors of such corporation." Could it be possible that the anti-hospital forces want you to jump from one blackface line down to the next and thus by inference be led to believe that the line quoted in this paragraph refers to a bond issue?

We'll leave the answer to you, but we will also point out that just above this sentence in the law is this provision, "For the purpose of additionally securing the payment of the principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued under provisions of this act, such corporation shall have the power, by resolution of its governing body which resolution shall constitute a part of the contract with the holders of such general obligations bonds, to pledge all or any part of the net income or revenue of its properties."

It is to that provision and that provision only that the sentence permitting action without vote of the district applies. In other words, the directors of the district may, at their discretion and without vote of the district, agree to use all revenues from operation of the hospital over and above all expenses to help retire any bonds or interest the district may owe. Sounds like a mighty good provision to us and one which, conceivably, could reduce the time bonds are outstanding thus saving interest and helping to hold the tax levy to the lowest possible point. Here again, we urge you not to be misled.

Section 12 of the law has emphasized in

blackface, again at the request of the anti-hospital committee, reference to the levy and collection of taxes each year and to the power of the district to do so. Certainly the district has that power and here, again, the blackface type points out what we said last week, that the law fixes a limit of 10 mills as the highest amount that may be levied and it does not establish that amount as the sum which shall be levied. And of course the hospital tax is a special tax, just as our taxes for our schools, our cities, our county and our state. They are all levies made for a special purpose, and in many cases they are broken down as to the specific use which may be made of them, such as sewer and water, streets, lights, bridges and a host of other items. Again we repeat, don't be misled.

Now let's look again briefly at the actual proposal for establishment and operation of a hospital district in this area. What will it cost in taxes? Proponents of the plan declare that the hospital can be constructed at a cost of no more than 3 mills per year for a 10 year period. Based on the approximate assessed valuation of \$7,000,000 within the proposed district, that would raise \$21,000 per year or a total of \$420,000 in 20 years. Cost of the proposed hospital is roughly \$300,000, so it can easily be seen that the pro-hospital workers' estimate of a 3 mill levy is on the generous side rather than being on a skimpy basis.

What does that mean to the average taxpayer? Well, if you are the owner of a home assessed at \$2,000 your contribution to the building of the hospital would be only \$6.

That's less than the rent for a hospital room in Portland for a half day, and it's a mighty small price to pay for the convenience and greater safety of having a hospital here at home to say nothing of the saving in both time and money it would mean to those whose families, relatives and friends are patients in distant hospitals.

That's how inexpensively a hospital can be built here by a public hospital district. Now, what about operation of it. We cited last week two methods whereby profitable operation of a local hospital could be assured. There are other methods which experience has shown are equally successful. Under any of these, operation of the hospital without any additional levy is a virtual certainty.

That's the case for establishment of the public hospital district in this community as we see it. The value to the community of such an institution is undisputed. The need for it is here, the desire for it is strong in the hearts of hundreds of citizens who have sacrificed time, money and property for the last few years in their efforts to get a hospital built. It is within the grasp of this community at a price the community can easily afford to pay. Will we do it? The answer is up to you. Go to the polls next Thursday, examine the issues honestly and we are convinced that it will be done.

FREE AMERICA (?)—

Phil Murray, head of the steel workers union, is credited with a statement to the effect that "no government, no individual, no organization or group of individuals or organizations is big enough or powerful enough" to stop the steel union strike if they want to continue it.

In other words, Mr. Murray is saying that his power is greater than that of the government or the individual members of the organization he heads. It is one of the most amazing statements we have ever read from a supposedly responsible individual in this so-called "Free America" of ours. It out-Lewises some of the bald declarations of John L. Lewis, who has been the top man in defying government up to this time.

How long will the workers of America submit to dictatorships by self-appointed leaders of this calibre? How long will the general public submit to it?

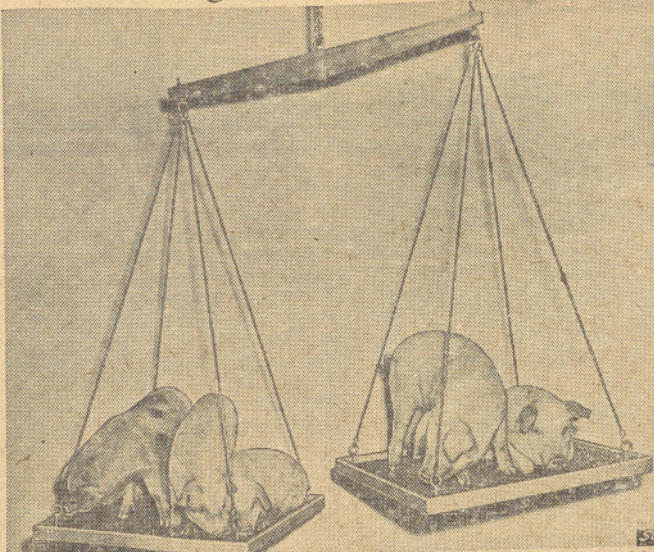
For that matter, how long can all of us submit to it? Can we go on permitting men and individuals to flaunt government and law, to openly defy and boast about their defiance of rules established for the common good?

The essence of freedom in America is that the individual has all freedom possible without encroaching upon the rights and welfare of others. When such encroachment begins, freedom ends, and the attitude of Phil Murray in the statement attributed to him certainly encroaches upon the rights and welfare of millions of citizens who have not placed themselves under his jurisdiction as a union leader.

Strong unions are essential to the best interests of workers of the nation, but when union leaders become so power drunk as to imagine that their power and authority exceeds that of government it is time for union members to take a hand and clean house for their own protection. If they don't, the unions will be riding for a fall.

Shooting down defenseless Swedish planes is but one of the many great errors Joe Stalin's boys have made on the field of propaganda battle. It will stretch the imaginative powers of the Commies beyond the limit to think up any lies that will convince the world such action was taken in the interest of peace.

Wonder Drug Increases Pork Production



You may have taken aureomycin for a strep throat, but pigs get this "wonder drug" to help them grow faster. There's no arguing the fact that the two pigs on the right side of the scales weigh almost the same as the three on the other side.

They're from the same litter, and received the same diet (peanut meal and corn), except that the two heavier ones also received aureomycin and vitamin B₁₂. Farmers throughout the country are using feeds containing this antibiotic to speed up the growth of chickens, turkeys and calves.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Sandy Post
Dear Editor:

The following reasons are why I am going to vote for "Barlow Trail Memorial Hospital."

1. The increased value of the property in this area will easily offset the three mill levy.

2. The Hospital will provide a much needed facility in time of emergency!

3. The Hospital will bring to Sandy a fine additional group of professional people.

4. The donors who have initiated this farsighted Community Project should be aided in finishing it now.

5. The Hospital will serve as a fitting Memorial to those from this area "who gave their last full measure of devotion" to their community, state and nation in our recent struggles for freedom.

6. We run a successful community school system. Why not a successful community hospital?

7. If you oppose the Hospital, you are opposing an effort to bring aid and comfort to those who need it. A vote against the Hospital may easily mean the loss of a life. A vote for it may save a life. Think it over!

Very sincerely,
C. C. Chase

Dear Sir:

We had no fireworks in Brightwood this Fourth of July. Last year Mr. Houdon put on a display that lasted a good two hours and which would have done credit to a town of several times the population of Sandy. The display of fireworks took place over the small lake at the Wigwam Beach so that the reflection on the lake added greatly to the spectacle and made a very beautiful picture.

I understand that he had no financial help in this and stood the entire cost himself. Just wanted the young folks to see and the older ones to remember, I have an idea, what the Fourth of July used to be when patriotism was really sincere and came from the depths of our hearts. Just wanted to bring back some of the old spirit of '76.

This year he purchased with a permit enough fireworks to give us a similar display and petitioned the "Powers That Be" for a permit to give us another treat but after being shuffled back and forth between officials and getting no results the Fourth finally arrived without a permit. So Mr. Houdon's fireworks were left unopened; Brightwood had a rather tame Fourth with a lot of disappointed children and grown folks and a rather crest fallen and disgusted Mr. Houdon.

Of course, we realize that there is a certain danger in the discriminate setting off of fireworks, but in this case they were to be shot off on the beach of the small lake as was done a year ago. This beach is on a small sand island formed by the inlet and outlet to the lake with the Sandy river behind. In trying to secure the permit Houdon pointed all this out to the authorities and even drew a map to show that there would be no fire hazard.

Anyway, if the authorities had been a bit worried about any fire danger why could they not have supplied a small fire truck to stand by during the two hours

celebration. Surely at this season when as many are coming around with cards and pictures of their favorite candidates looking for our votes it might stand them in hand to "play ball" with the voters and tax payers on whom they depend for their living.

At least it is good to know that someone cared enough for "The Day" that started our glorious country on its way, to spend days and a lot of hard earned cash trying to get permission to celebrate it as our forefathers did.

I'm sure that if the framers of our Declaration of Independence could wake up today and see how the morale of our patriotism had degenerated and how much less the "Spirit of '76" has become, Mr. Houdon's efforts would be to them a new breath of life and a "small voice calling in the wilderness" and they would all stand up and cheer.

Very sincerely,
A Reader

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Howdy Folks:

Being chairman of the Republican National Convention this year is about like umpiring a game for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

A political war features shooting from the lip.

We have never been able to figure out the difference between political oratory and hog calling.

The modern version: The hand that rocks the cradle often wrecks the car.

John Hillyard says walking the baby is a lot more fun if she is over twenty-one.

It is about this time that the new grads realize the sheep skins they received have very little meat on them.

Martin says a bachelor is a man who enjoys life, liberty and the happiness of pursuit.

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PRESCRIPTION DRUGGISTS

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SANDY OREGON

Report of Condition

Of "Clackamas County Bank" of Sandy in the State of Oregon at the close of business on June 30, 1952.

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances and cash items in process of collection	\$1,126,843.85
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	912,342.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	151,088.34
Corporate stocks	4.00
Loans and discounts (including \$529.77 overdrafts)	1,151,057.21
Bank premises owned \$35,300.00, furniture and fixtures 11,000.00	46,300.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,387,635.40

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,931,649.27
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	976,627.23
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	12,179.30
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	303,153.02
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	19,422.72
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,243,031.54
Other liabilities	10,612.20

TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligation shown below) \$3,253,643.74

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital*	50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits	9,791.66
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	24,200.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	133,991.66

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$3,387,635.40

*This bank's capital consists of:
Capital notes and debentures of \$9,200.00
Common stock with total par value of \$50,000.00

MEMORANDA
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$155,278.75
Loans as shown above are after deduction of reserves of \$3,276.27
I, Fred L. Proctor, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
FRED L. PROCTOR, Cashier

Correct-Attest:
W. A. PROCTOR, CECIL O. DUKE, E. ALT, Directors
State of Oregon, County of Clackamas, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 1952.
My commission expires January 19, 1955.
EUGENIA H. ALT, Notary Public for Oregon
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W. A. Proctor, Pres.
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