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SHOULD BE RED FACED—

Wonder if the political demagogues who were preaching doom and gloom in October will have sufficient good grace to blush as they read official figures on employment in Oregon for November and December? And reports of the record business of the last couple of months, not only in Oregon but across the nation?

The Oregon state unemployment compensation commission in its most recent bulletin reports that the number of claimants for unemployment compensation in mid-December stood at 30,000 and that this was 10,000 or one-fourth less than in the same month a year ago. It also reports that the number of non-farm job holders in the state in November was 3,100 more than in November 1953, with a total of 462,100 employed non-farm workers last month.

Reports on virtually all types of business indicate that new high records were established in the last two months and there is at least a possibility that 1954 may go down as the biggest volume business year in the nation's history and if it doesn't that it will be a such a close second as to make little difference.

It's too late now for these facts to be of any great help—except that they may serve to alert the voting public to examine more carefully the claims of detractors in the future and to take a bit of time to obtain facts and verify claims of all sides in political campaigns before accepting the bleatings of those who make the most noise and come up with the strongest emotional appeals.

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD START—

There will be much discussion across the nation—as well there should be—concerning the revamping of this nation's military service program as recently outlined by President Eisenhower at a press conference.

The Christian Science Monitor, in its December 20 issue, points out two questions which naturally arise and which must be answered to determine whether or not the proposed new program can be satisfactory to the nation and should be adopted. Says The Monitor:

"Militarily, is it sound? And to what extent, if any, does it run counter to the nonmilitaristic and nonregimental American traditions?"

"As to this first, the plan must be held up against the background sketched for it by the President. It is part of an endeavor to design military preparedness bearable by the nation over a long period of time and adaptable to the needs either of all-out atomic war or of peripheral aggressions such as Korea.

"The core of the plan is to be found in its effect on building and maintaining a trained and ready reserve. If it accomplishes this, the President and his planners feel that reductions in the nation's standing armed manpower become a tolerable risk. That would release funds for the air and radar defense around continental United States against sudden atomic attack and for the land- and sea-based bombers which constitute the defense of instant and massive retaliation.

"From the standpoint strictly of the military planner, it is true, the original comprehensive plan would have been more satisfactory. Instead of channeling all able-bodied young men into a basic training curriculum lasting six months, only 100,000 a year would be so handled.

Those who did not volunteer for the brief training or enlist as regular soldiers or sailors would then become subject to drafted service of two years' duration. Both classes would be 'callable' in an emergency, the first for nine and a half, the second for about six years after release from active duty.

"This might provide a less uniformly trained reserve. But because both classes would have had a reasonable amount of active training—plus several years of reserve drills, many of them actual service, too—and be subject to call without question, the plan marks a substantial improvement over the present situation. The program would certainly firm up the reserves and create a second line of defense that possessed some meaning.

"As to militarization and regimentation of American life: For better or worse, the selective service part of the plan would not seem to make any great change from what necessity has forced Americans to live with for the past six years. And the training of 100,000 young men annually at the hands of the military is something quite different from turning over everyone as he arrives at 18. Moreover, the individual is given some option by the new plan. It is a long way from being all-inclusive. And it has the merit of closing some of the loopholes through which qualified young men have escaped any realistic national service.

"There may be, of course, defects and hidden dangers in the program which are not immediately discernable. It should be and will be exhaustively discussed before it is acted upon. But in the endeavor to meet the many and often mutually conflicting demands of today's world the administration has made a good start."

KNOW-HOW PAYS OFF—

Most folks are willing to concede that knowing how to do any job well pays dividends, and that the greater the know-how the greater are the chances for a profitable enterprise. There still are some folks, however, who have the idea that farming is one area where a minimum of know-how is necessary to succeed.

Fortunately, those who have that belief are not numerous among those who actually operate our farms. The occasional ones of that category who take a whirl at farming either don't last long as producers or soon learn the error of their thinking and get busy and acquire the knowledge essential to successful farming.

A recent weekly bulletin on "price, cost and weather review" of the extension department of Oregon State College emphasizes the importance of know-how in farming and the fact that in the highly competitive world of today it is only those farm operators who truly study their business, keep informed on new production techniques and markets and marketing methods who continue to operate their farms at a satisfactory profit despite increasing costs and decreasing prices.

The bulletin points out that a year-end tally of farming operations in the nation for 1954 shows that crop acreages were the second smallest since 1941, yet farmers produced the fifth largest volume of crops on record. This was accomplished despite acreage restrictions under certain crop allotment programs, and a serious drought in the south and southwest. Greater know-how in the use of fertilizers, improved crop practices, machinery and better seed are given the lion's share of credit for this accomplishment.

Yes, know-how pays off in any line of endeavor, but in no field is it more vitally needed to stay on top today than in that of agriculture.

A delegation of 5 U.S. congressmen, who arrived in Hong Kong recently on an inspection of atomic energy installations, may well have been as surprised as anyone else over the concurrent arrival of a rather radio-active shipment from the U.S. in the form of actress Ava Gardner on a personal appearance tour. By little stretch of a press-agent's imagination Miss Gardner might be classified as an H-bomb (H for Hollywood, of course) but we hope this doesn't distract the committee's attention from the comparatively drab installations elsewhere in its assigned field.

Where Family of Eight Escaped Flash Fire at Sleepy Hollow



This charred rubble was all that remained of the residence of Melvin Montgomery, destroyed by fire of unknown origin last week at Sleepy Hollow. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery and their six

children escaped the flames which apparently started at the rear of the house. The Mt. Hood Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call and was able to save two nearby houses. Alan Olson Photographs

Lutherans Install Church Officers New Year's Day

Congregational officers for 1955 were installed at Immanuel Lutheran church in the service on New Year's day.

Elected by the voting assembly, the following will hold positions of leadership in the congregation. Elders are Rudolf Lange, Aaron Meyer and Erhard Ulrich. Richard Ulrich is president, Leo Anderson, secretary and Martin Baumann, treasurer. Henry Wewer, Hugo Ulrich and Norman Erickson are trustees.

The board of Christian education consists of Kenneth Flath, Ronald Krebs and Raymond Cohrs. On the finance board are Floyd Wagner, Ronald Krebs and Hugo Ulrich.

Retiring Officers

Retiring officers include Herbert Huck, Harvey Griffin, Louis Dubarko, Edwin Andersen, Emil Reich and Carl Krieger.

Carl Krieger will continue to serve as Bible school superintendent. A park committee, Portland inter-parish representatives, and a public relations representative will be appointed by the president.

The annual report and budget meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday afternoon.

Annual Christmas Party Successful

The annual Christmas tree for youngsters in the Sandy area, sponsored this year by members of the Sandy Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary, was reported highly successful by Ginny Edes, Auxiliary chief.

Approximately 850 children received Christmas treats from Sandy's Santa Claus who made his appearance at the party held this year at the Fire hall next to the IOOF building on Main street.

Contributions to the fund were made by Sandy citizens, Sandy and Kelso merchants, Sandy IOOF lodge and the Elks lodge in Gresham.

Mrs. Edes reported that \$125 remaining from the Christmas donations was turned over to the Sandy Kiwanis to help provide Christmas baskets for needy families in the area.

Services Held Monday For Fred Henry Blonn

Fred Henry Blonn, an old time resident of Gresham, quietly passed away at his home on Route 2, box 672, Sandy, on Thursday, Dec. 30. He had been in failing health for some time but acutely ill for about one week.

Mr. Blonn was born in Norton, Germany, April 21, 1872. His early years were spent in Germany where he received his education. At about the age of 13, he left Germany and came to the United States. He first settled in the midwest and in the early 1890's moved to Oregon. During the next several years he traveled between California and Alaska. About 1902 he made his home in Seattle, Wash., until 1922 when he moved to Gresham.

On January 15, 1907 while living in Seattle, he was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Atwood. At the age of 40, he received his American citizenship. Mr. Blonn was a landscape gardener and florist by trade. He was a member of the Sandy Assembly of God church. For the past two years he had made his home in Sandy near his daughter, Mrs. Arlan Berglund.

As he was the youngest of his family, it is thought that he was the last of his original clan. Surviving him are his wife,

Lula, and one daughter, Mrs. Arlan (Elizabeth) Berglund. There are three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 3 in the Chapel of Carroll Funeral Home, Gresham. Entombment was in Riverview Abbey Mausoleum, Portland. Rev. Robert Ashworth offered the services and Miss Ethel Berglund sang.

Pallbearers were Martin Osterback, Earl Redfern, Marion Burlingame, Harold Lewis, Ernest Callister and George Pullen.

Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage. —Disraeli

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Of Clackamas County Bank of Sandy in the State of Oregon at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 821,766.12
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,320,430.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	270,716.12
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	1.00
Loans and discounts (including \$3.98 overdrafts)	1,418,124.48
Bank premises owned \$32,792.70, furniture and fixtures \$14,865.92	47,658.62
Real estate owned other than bank premises	6,530.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,885,226.34

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,996,517.92
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,452,517.40
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	25,055.53
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	225,563.92
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	27,742.70
Other liabilities	7,354.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$3,734,752.38

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital	75,000.00
Surplus	55,000.00
Undivided profits	4,973.36
Reserves	15,500.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	150,473.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,885,226.34

MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	\$ 284,967.50
Loans as shown above are after deduction of reserves of	11,504.01

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 SR., CECIL O. DUKE and E. ALT, Directors
State of Oregon, County of Clackamas, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of Jan., 1955.
My commission expires January 19, 1955.
EUGENIA H. ALT, Notary Public

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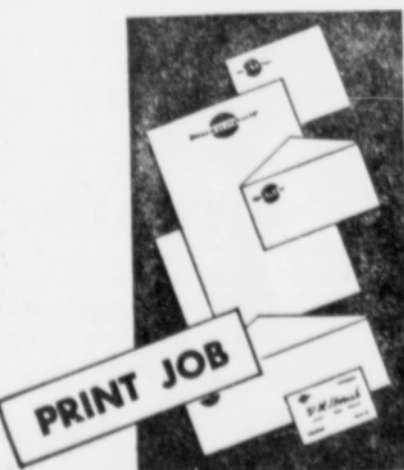
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