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PUMP PRIMERS TO NECESSITIES

The January 10 issue of Time magazine carries an interesting and informative article on the business of the nation in 1954 with some projections as to what may be expected in the current year of 1955. One of the more interesting and provocative comments in that article is the statement that the birth rate in the United States topped 4,000,000, while the death rate was the lowest on record and that "With that kind of growth, public works were no longer talked of as pump primers but as necessities for a population of 190 million and an economy of \$500 billion by 1965."

Here in the Northwest it is easy to understand and accept that statement, particularly in view of our tremendous and ever growing need for electric power.

The great power dams in the Columbia basin were originally built primarily as "make work" or pump priming projects. It was envisioned, of course, that the electric energy they would supply would be of considerable value to the area, but that value was not the reason for their construction.

How different the picture is today. Now we are clamoring for more and more hydro-electric installations—not for the purpose of making jobs but for the purpose of supplying electric energy for which the burgeoning population is crying and to meet the demands of innumerable industries which want to locate in the Northwest to be near the source of this rapidly expanding market but cannot do so until the electrical energy to operate their plants is available.

That's a direct and plainly obvious transition from "pump primers to necessities." Across the nation, the same transition applies to any number of public projects which in the past have been viewed more as "pump primers" to the economy than for the value they would contribute to the economy and to the public generally.

Highways are a prime example. During depression years many roads and bridges were built as "pump primers" with the hope that future growth would prove their need. Today we are clamoring for highways to accommodate the millions more motor vehicles that are moving on our roads each year. That makes the present proposed \$100 billion highway building program a necessity rather than a "pump primer." The same may be said about countless public buildings, local, state and nation. Most of us can recall how governmental divisions fought to get expenditure of federal funds in their jurisdictions more for the purpose of creating jobs than to meet an actual and immediate need. Today the clamor is for buildings which are necessities to house the expanding governmental functions required to keep pace with our growth.

Yesterday's "pump primers" are truly today's necessities—and as such they may provide the ounce of prevention that will obviate the need for a pound of cure to help maintain our economy on an even keel as we continue in the great overall transition from war to peacetime operations.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The message of Governor Paul L. Patterson at the opening of the Oregon legislature was a thoughtful and thought-provoking document that presented a program which it will be difficult to challenge successfully. It was demonstrated clearly Gov. Patterson's sincere desire to keep Oregon at the forefront of the progressive states of the union while at the same time maintaining the sound fiscal policy which has characterized our state for many years.

The governor's recommendations to the legislature on ways and means to meet the state's problems showed careful study and consideration and demonstrated real courage on the part of the governor.

Space here does not permit more than a summary of the highlights of the governor's recommendations. The first, and perhaps most important, was that he recommended against sales tax as a new source of revenue to meet an estimated deficit of \$65,000 in the probable state budget. Rather, he recommended that the present "skyscraper" exemptions from state income tax, exemptions of utilities and exemptions of non-incorporated businesses from excise taxes be first removed, along with removal of the

exemption of federal income tax payments. He also recommended against levying of the full amount of property tax allowed for the state, but did recommend that a portion of it be invoked.

The governor also recommended an increase in unemployment compensation payments and the expansion of that act to include employers of one or more persons under its coverage whereas the present law brings only those with four or more employees into the program.

Appropriations were recommended for construction of a state mental hospital in the Multnomah county area, an intermediate penal institution and other buildings, some of which already have been approved by voters. He also urged use of bonds for construction of needed buildings at state schools of higher education and for use in a match-money program with the federal government in future road building.

Also recommended was the adoption of the majority report of the special committee on rewriting the state's constitution. That report urges the calling of a constitutional convention and the means of doing that immense job.

Also included in the message were recommendations on reorganization of state government and for continuation and enlargement of the work of the state development commission. The governor also requested memorials to congress to keep construction of Chief Joseph, McNary and The Dalles dams on schedule, for appropriations for engineering and planning studies for John Day dam and for immediate action to permit the federal government to do its share in construction of the partnership projects on Cougar and Green Peter dams on the McKenzie and Santiam rivers.

All in all, the message was an excellent presentation of the state's most pressing problems, with sound recommendations for meeting them. It should be a message of real help to the legislature in its forthcoming deliberations.

WELCOME BILL TUGMAN

Biggest news in the newspaper world of Oregon in recent weeks was the announcement in mid-December that William "Bill" Tugman had resigned his post as editor of the Eugene Register-Guard to become owner, editor and publisher of the weekly Port Umpqua Courier at Reedsport.

It was big news because in the 27 years Mr. Tugman has been associated with the Eugene newspaper it has become the largest newspaper in the state outside of Portland and he has become one of the state's most widely known and most often quoted editorial writers. Bill has been a crusader for all that is good in his home community, state and nation. He has been equally vigorous in combatting anything he has considered evil. And his success in both areas has been large in measure.

The Eugene Register-Guard's loss is the weekly newspaper field's gain in Oregon. We join with all other weekly newspapers in rolling out the carpet to so distinguished a newspaper man as Bill Tugman. We were going to say "distinguished journalist," but we know Bill wouldn't like that.

There is however, one fly in the ointment. Bill has a great record for being right, for accuracy and sound judgment. In making his announcement, he made a statement to the effect that he was going to "ease up," or go into a sort of semi-retirement. If we didn't know that Bill has a terrific sense of humor, we'd challenge that statement, 'cause no one knows better than Bill Tugman that the only way a died-in-the-wool newspaper man like he is can retire, whether from the daily or weekly field, is to be buried 6 feet under the sod.

What Other Editors Are Saying—DON'T GET NERVOUS—

Giles French in the Moro Sherman County Journal: At this period of the biennium it is our custom to remark on the financial hysteria that grips the politicians and publications about the dire straits of the state government faced with almost unlimited demands and disappearing resources. It never does any good, the pains of anticipation go on until the legislature ends and it is discovered that it wasn't as bad as expected. But we never learn and we make our supposed suffering a biennial holiday of fear and proposing new and drastic tax programs.

It appears that the state is going to need another \$60,000,000 for the coming two years. Actually it will probably get along with no more than \$20,000,000 and be well satisfied. Should the legislature vote an additional \$60,000,000, however raised, there will be a lot of strangers in the next one. A government cannot long spend more money when the citizens are making less money.

The state's projected budget of \$223 to \$230 million can be cut very seriously no matter how much effort has been made to compress it. The legislature is the final authority and a good ways and means committee can reduce further than a budget director, whose authority is necessarily limited.

Those who hope to scare the public into a sales tax have much more hope than experience or memory. Removal of the exemption for income tax payers would be unpopular although possible. It wouldn't help much. There are other ways of raising a little money, like putting utilities under excise tax. That would reduce county revenues in many instances.

The legislature will have to learn that the demands that seem so urgent are made by a relatively small percentage of the population. It will learn to refuse such demands so that the advocates can take their proposals to the people or to refer them to the voters themselves.

So, don't get nervous. If the legislature is any good it will refuse to raise anything like \$60,000,000 more money and if it isn't any good a new one can be elected next time.

News From The Top of The Mountain

By Gerry McAndie

It seems that some of our Government Camp people are getting on the air these days. Jim Ralph was on KWJJ a few weeks ago, and Ralph Calkin was on Moon Mullins KEX program last week. Joe Leuthold may be on Bill Kelis ski reports program this Friday on KWJJ.

Bill Shellenberger fell on the steps of the State Highway Building and suffered a head concussion. He has been off work for a week while recuperating.

Glenn Roberts slipped and fell last week at Sandy and wrenched his ankle. He has been on crutches and his wife Alice has him where she wants him now. While being on crutches he can't outrun her.

Jim and Neva Ralph visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Church at Bend last week. Bob was the State Highway Timekeeper in Government Camp a few years ago.

The local junior skiers are doing very good in ski races these days, last weekend in the Schne Vogeli Standard Slalom, Dale Elmer was first, Ed Loveland was second, John West, third, and Joe Darr was fourth.

Christel Aepli and Susan and Francis Englesby celebrated their birthdays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Englesby last Friday. Among the younger set present were Kim Kuhl, Ann Devecka, Carol and Tom West, Signe Hagen, Ralph and Pamela Wiesse and Marilee Calkin.

Ole Langerud has a new jeep. The old one was tired so he put it to pasture.

Everett Worthington of Hills Place is in Providence hospital in Portland after suffering a heart attack. We all hope he will be home with us again soon.

- Stork Club -

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hall of Corvallis are parents of a son, Michael Robert, born December 25 at Corvallis. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hall of Sandy and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schultz of Mabery. The baby will share his birthday anniversary with his grandmother, Mrs. Schultz, whose birthday falls on Dec. 24.

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Bowling Scores

Women's Inter-City League

Carrolls 2, Ross Lumber Co. 2; Gordon Swan 2, First National Bank 2; R. S. Smith Motors 4, Rodgers' Market 0; Adams Shoes 3, Harris Logging 1.

League Standings

Team	W	L
R. S. Smith Motors	55	25
Carroll's	46	34
Adams Shoes	44	36
Gordon Swan	40	40
Rodgers' Market	37	43
First National Bank	36	44
Ross Lumber Co.	34	46
Harris Logging	28	52
High series: Helen Hall, 501.		

Sandy League Results

Sandy Truck Line 3, R. S. Smith Motors 1; Sandy Lumber and Hardware 4, Sandy Lumber 0; Richardson Chevrolet 3, Sandy Food Market 1; Scales Store 4, Frederickson Appl. 0.

League Standings

Team	W	L
Sandy Lumber	59	21
Scales Store	52	28
Sandy Truck Line	46½	33½
Richardson Chev.	46½	33½
Lumber Haulers	34	46
R. S. Smith Motors	29	51
Sandy Food Market	28	52
Frederickson Appl.	25	55
High series: Tom Scales, 551.		

The Ground Observer Observes

By Ruth Burg



Another busy teenager is "Observer" for this week. Nancy Failor is a sophomore at Sandy High, active in Student Council, vice-president of the sophomore class, member of FHA Executive Council, and a member of Youth for Christ. She is busy with affairs of the young peoples group of the Sandy Baptist Chapel where she helps make up the sextette.

Nancy is the daughter of Drs. Ralph and Hazel Failor who re-

side, in the Kelso area. She occasionally helps her brother Dean by feeding his stock if he is detained at basketball practice, (making sure of course that the frisky bovines are securely tied and approachable with safety).

The Ground Observer Corps has a standing regulation governing teen-age girls, by having them work in pairs. A future article will cover interesting information on Nancy's GOC partner.

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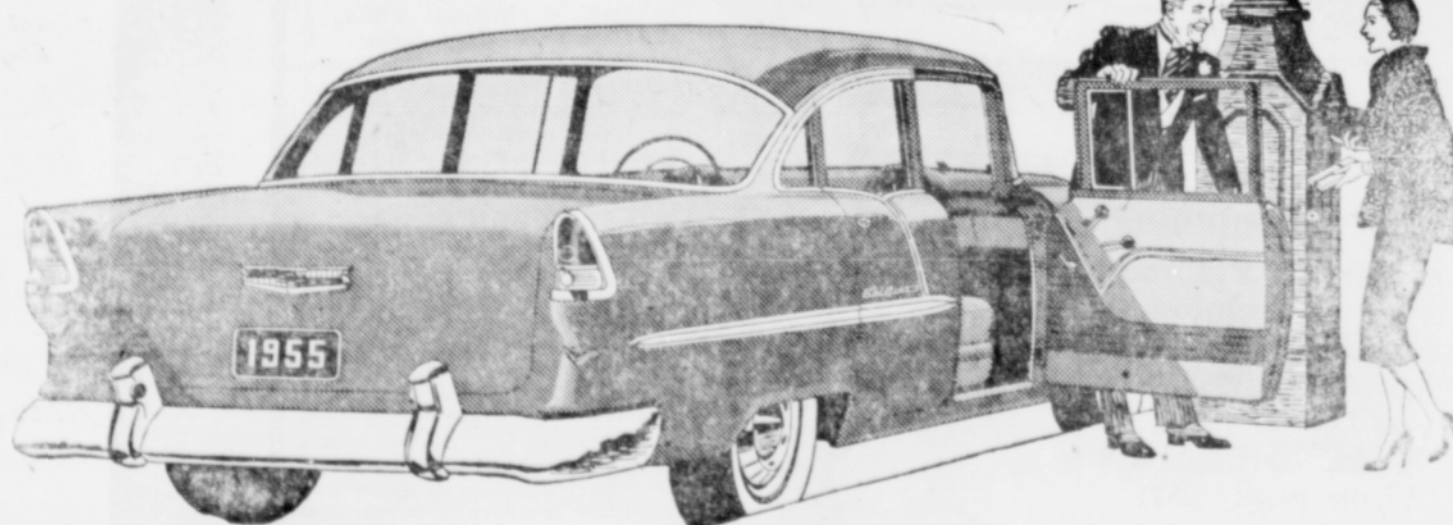
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