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FARM BUREAU FURROW

by SCOTT LAMB

A recent release from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce claims fringe benefits for workers amount to \$1431 for each employee in 1963. The amount was up \$177 from 1961.

Percentage-wise, the payroll benefits amount to 25.6% of the payroll in the 1150 companies figuring in the survey.

Since fringe benefits are foreign to farmers across the land, we have conjured up a list of such benefits which could be initiated to bring farmers the same advantages enjoyed by their city friends.

Take, for instance, a dairyman. Fringe benefits might include one cent added to the price of milk to be used for insurance against old bossy stepping on the farmer's toe, thus disabling him from attending to the milking.

Another cent could be added to provide salary guarantee in case of mastitis in the herd. Vacations with pay could be had for approximately another cent and for only two cents more per quart of milk, the dairyman could be assured of a five-day week.

Now birthdays often constitute a problem with many farmers. If the birthday happens to fall in the middle of the winter, conceivably a day off could be arranged without any inflationary spiraling of the currency. If, on the other hand, it happened in the middle of the crop season, an increase in crop prices would be required to compensate for lost time involved.

A three-day week for farmers would be a great goal. Since farmers work six or seven days a week in peak harvest seasons, this would require doubling the price of all farm commodities to come up with a workable plan. Since it would be socially acceptable and a bonafide strike issue, the public would certainly agree to bundle up the money necessary to make such a plan feasible.

Other needed improvements in agriculture in order to stay in the mainstream of social improvements would be an 8-hour day, coffee breaks, paid transportation to and from fields, paid loss of time due to rain, drought insurance, assurance of remuneration due to

prolonged heat waves or early frosts. Crop adjustment programs brought on by insect infestations would be a costly but excellent fringe benefit.

For right now, the benefit of being an individual and of controlling his own destiny is the greatest fringe benefit for the farmer.

Don't believe the world owes you a living; the world owes you nothing; it was here first. --Robert J. Burdette.

Ambulance Calls

Oct. 22--Harry Plnewski--Sandy to Portland Osteopathic Hospital; driver, Gene Fischer; attendants, Juanita Conn and Viola Zirkle.

Oct. 2--Sheridan Stenson--Hwy. 212 and Eperson Rd., to Portland Sanitarium; driver, Keny Burdick; attendant, Bob Pursel.

Oct. 23--Ronald Stoner--211 Hwy., to Dr. Carlstroms, to Portland Osteopathic Hospital; driver, Gene Fischer; attendant, Viola Zirkle.

Oct. 25--Maude Bardin--Boring to Gresham Hospital; driver, Anderson; attendant, Bill Cochran.
Oct. 25--Linda Carr, Dora Carr, Irene Carr, Marchia Carr--Hwy. 26 at Holt's to Gresham Hospital; driver, Gary Sandblast; attendant, Mike Cochran.

Oct. 25--Richard Wright and Larry Wright--Hwy. 26 at Holt's to Gresham Hospital; driver, Gary Sandblast; attendant, Mike Cochran.

Oct. 26--Ola Sandersfield--home to Oregon Medical School; driver, Gene Fischer; attendants, Sadie Klein and Gary Sandblast.



Monday's Country Kitchen costume party at Mt. Hood Lanes brought out all types of costumes. Left, Lois Leavitt came as a bum, "Because I'm such a bum bowler," she said. Center, peeking through the eye of the pumpkin, is Joyce Kautz, whose costume won first prize; next is Darlys Stapleton, dressed as a country girl. At far right, gazing sadly at the camera, is Audrey Colson, who explained her bowling stinks so she came as a skunk. (Post photo)

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It is your duty as a voter to know the true facts.

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Ely for Commissioner Committee
Robert Schumacher, Secretary
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Letters to the Editor

Maybe hard work never killed a person, but you never heard of anyone resting to death, either. --Kenosha (Wis.) News.

BALLOT MEASURE NO. 4

To the Editor,

In writing this letter, I appeal to all Oregonians to defeat Ballot Measure No. 4. The reasons, however, have nothing to do with the "no" reasons published for Measure No. 4. The reasons are as follows: Some time ago Oregonians removed their fish and game affairs from the public opinion system. Instead they chose to have agencies within the government delegated with the authority to guard and manage their natural wildlife resources. The majority of the people in these agencies today are competent, career professionals who, as public officials, have been given a job to do which represents the interest and intent of all the people of Oregon. Wildlife management can be as complex as medicine or engineering and requires a technological approach; therefore, your agencies are not and will not always be right, however, in the overall picture a system supported by study and technological data will work its way through to the truth of an issue far more efficiently than can be accomplished by a public opinion system.

Oregonians can find their most constructive function as members of a public opinion system in not trying to make technical decisions but rather in seeing that their conservation administrators have adequate power to carry out decisions backed by sound technical data.

Through your vote you have the means of having competent men employed to manage your wildlife resources and having done so you should entrust the details and decisions to them. Don't turn right around and impose political interference by voting yes on Measure No. 4, an issue of a technological nature.

Jim Chandler
Fishery Biologist
Madras, Oregon

October 22, 1964

To the Editor,

As I have been an ardent sport fisherman for many, many years, anything that can be done to improve our already wonderful sport fishing condition will receive my full support.

There is now a flood of propaganda being put out to the voters picturing both sides of Ballot Measure No. 4.

sure No. 4 which if pass would prohibit commercial fishing on the Columbia River by Oregon residents.

Now, we sport fishermen know in our own hearts that this is not the answer, we know this is not the solution, it is not the proper process of disposing of a difficulty or problem such as this.

Let's us be honest with ourselves. We know that our State Fish Commission is doing a supremely fine job in regulating and controlling the take of salmon for the sake of conservation and in the interest of "Salmon for All." Special note should be made of the profitable commercial fishing season, the exceptional sport fishing in the river and over the bar this fall and the escapement of a million fish over the Bonneville Dam for natural propagation.

We sport fishermen know that Ballot Measure No. 4 is a product of selfishness and is in no way related to the policies of the Golden Rule. How much more sensible it would seem if this energy could be channeled toward promoting finances for doubling the hatchery capacity of both Oregon and Washington and an honest effort

made to equalize the fishing rules in the Columbia by both states, then we could really have "Salmon for All," not just on a ballot title, but in the Columbia River.

I know from recent experience that many signatures were secured on a petition to place a measure before the voters through various types of pressure, personal influence and chain reaction. But when the voter is alone with his moral sense, which determines right and wrong, in the voting booth with no selfish influence being brought to bear, there is where the straight thinking citizen exercises his God-given duty to his fellow men and casts his vote as being honest with himself.

Personally, I do not fear the outcome of this issue come Nov. 3rd, all that is required to defeat this Measure No. 4 is that we all just be HONEST with OURSELVES.

Maurice W. Pysher
Mayor
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