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PASSAGE IS ADVANTAGE HERE

Under the new rural school board law, passage of the six per cent limitation budget is advantageous in the country, especially in this area, where heavy school population resides.

Grossly misunderstood, and at the same time not too popular, this law equalizes the budgets of every school in the county. In this area, where there is a heavy enrollment, passage of this budget actually would be something of a savings.

Vote on this issue comes up to the voters over the county at 7 p.m., Friday, and every voter should turn out.

TO MEMORY OF THREE PEOPLE

The three deaths of the past week have taken from our midst three people whom all of us respected and, shall we say, loved. They leave three vacant chairs at many public functions where they were often seen.

Mrs. Tisdale was always ready to do her part in any way she could, which was usually far above any necessity. She was perpetually smiling, ready to visit and always helpful to friends whatever be their station.

There was never a fellow quite to compare to A. V. Muchmore. Witty and friendly, he never could pass anyone by without a kind word, or an intimate friend without having a joke to spring on him. Such men make the world much nicer.

Known to about everybody, and especially by the children who rode the school bus he drove for so long Ralph Moore's passing was about the greatest shock to all.

Peculiar of these three, they were always ready for movements of progress. People who knew them should remember this trait of each in every action.



By Harris Elsworth

The Interior Department appropriations bill will soon be brought to the floor of the house. The sub-committee has been holding hearing for nearly two months and is now about ready to "mark up" the bill. I appeared before the committee and urged approval of funds for construction of Bonneville transmission lines in Southwestern Oregon. I also spoke at some length regarding the work of the Bureau of Mines laboratory at Albany.

In my testimony, I pointed out that the time has about arrived when the facilities at Albany should be increased to take in work in the electrochemical field and to do basic research work in non-metals such as clay, shale, silica sands, pumice, gypsum, limestone and other deposits common to the northwest area. I ended my statement to the sub-committee with the following recommendations:

"Although not included in the Budget estimate, it is my understanding that the facilities at the Laboratory should be

added to by the construction of an electrochemical laboratory building. There should be another and smaller building to house research in non-metals. If not in the coming fiscal year, certainly the laboratory should be completed by the addition of these two buildings at the earliest possible moment. Work in these fields is not being done to any extent in any other laboratory, and yet, basic electrochemical work and basic research in non-metals is essential to round out a complete laboratory program."

During the war, the National Park service was very nearly suspended. Ordinary care and maintenance of the parks and national monuments was cut down to a point where they emerged from the war period in a very run-down condition. I called this fact to the attention of the appropriations sub-committee along with the fact that travel in the parks now is 20 percent greater than pre-war. Specifically, I requested that full budget allowances be made for Crater Lake park and for the Oregon caves. Calling attention to the need for reconstruction of a retaining wall and parking area at the Caves, I asked that the budget request for that work be increased so that the entire job could be completed during the coming year. It really does not pay to do a small job like that on a piece-meal basis.

The sub-committee on Hospital-

ization of the Veterans Affairs committee of the House reported my Camp White hospital bill favorably to the full committee. The bill is H.R. 2971 and is identical with a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Morse. It directs the Veterans Administration to take over the Camp White hospital and use it as a facility for the domiciliary care of veterans.

The House Veterans Affairs committee is divided into several sub-committees. Each sub-committee specializes in one particular division of veterans' legislation. The Hospitals sub-committee, headed by Representative Bernard W. Kearney of New York, held hearings on the Camp White bill and made a careful study of the entire problem. It is the general practice for the full committee to accept without much question the reports of the sub-committees. I am hopeful, therefore, that the bill will shortly be reported to the floor of the House.

It seems to me that the facts and the arguments in favor of the passage of the Camp White bill are so compelling that it should be approved by the House without much opposition, but it is well to remember that a piece of legislation does not become law until it is passed by both of the houses and signed by the President. The Camp White bill has a long road to travel yet.

The state of Oregon has suddenly assumed a position of considerable importance in the national political scene. It is generally conceded that if Harold Stassen wins a decided victory in the Oregon primaries May 21st, this victory coupled with his recent successes in Wisconsin and Nebraska will indicate a strong current of public opinion running in his favor. On the other hand, Should Governor Dewey defeat Stassen in Oregon, it would be taken as an indication of national strength for Dewey.

Frankly admitting the importance of the Oregon primary, Dewey has announced that he will personally spend three weeks in a sort of door-to-door campaign in our state. He will speak at breakfast, luncheon and dinner meetings, will endeavor to visit most of the cities in the state, and will meet and greet as many voters as possible. Stassen has made several appearances in Oregon in the past two years. I have not heard that he will be there again before May 21 but it is pretty certain that a great many of his supporters and workers will be active there.

Judging from conversations I have heard at the luncheon table and in the cloakroom, I believe Republicans here are going to be paying very close attention to the election returns from Oregon the night of May 21st.

Not long ago, the House Un-American Activities committee implied the Dr. Edward U. Condon, Director of the National Bureau of Standards was a bad security risk. The committee also intimated the Dr. Condon should be removed from his important responsibility which involves, among other things, close contact with the work being done by the Atomic Energy commission. Statements in the press were neither clear nor conclusive with the result that it seemed as if Dr. Condon were being maliciously and deliberately smeared.

The House committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, of which I am a member, lately had occasion to hear testimony on this subject. The matter was recently debated on the floor of the House. It was stated, and the statements were proven by documents and photostatic copies of documents, that Dr. Condon is a member of the American-Soviet Science Society, and is a

member of the executive committee of that organization. The American-Soviet Science Society is closely affiliated with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., which organization was cited as subversive by Attorney General Clark. The closeness of affiliation of these to organizations is proven by the fact that they have the same office address in New York and use the same telephone number. A photostatic copy of a cancelled check drawn in favor of the Science Society and endorsed by the American-Soviet Friendship Society organization was exhibited on the floor of the House.

These facts do not constitute the entire case against Dr. Condon, but I think they are sufficient to indicate that Dr. Condon is indeed a poor security risk, and should not, at this time, be employed by our government in a position of trust and in daily contact with our secret scientific military information.

When I visited England in 1944 I had the pleasure of a good visit with Lord Beaverbrook who publishes the London Daily Express. (The Daily Express, by the way, boasts the "World's largest Daily net sale".) Recently I received a clipping of a Daily Express editorial from Lord Beaverbrook. The editorial had to do with the Marshall Plan, and after nearly a column praising the generosity and good spirit of America, concluded with the following sentences:

"It is a gesture more striking than any that has gone before. 'Praise the warm feelings of the American nation.

"Recognise the high endeavor to help the distressed world.

"Even though the belief must be reiterated that the Loan did nothing but injury to Britain and the Empire, and the Marshall aid will have the same result."

I quote this merely to show that at least one great British newspaper is not in favor of asking such big favors from us.

Local News Items

Harry Newman, working at

Craig mill construction, Thursday, broke the index of his right hand. While the accident should not be serious unless complications set in.

Tony Christensen was ill week and missed a few days his work at the machine. He is able to work, now, although he said he was a little weak.

C. L. Stoakes, former agent for Central Transfer but now with a transfer at Eugene, was here Sunday night and Sunday morning move his household goods to new home, purchased just of Eugene on Route 99.

Mrs. A. P. Hendicks, who bedfast the latter part of week with a severe attack of flu, was able to be up Sunday most of the day.



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