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FUTURE BRIGHT IN CURRY CO.

The future of Curry County, long dormant and restricted because of transportation difficulties, was never brighter than today, as the area hums with activity, and seeths with anticipation of the coming year.

Faith of the many who "weathered the lean years" here in the past is being rewarded. What was once the "forgotten area" of Oregon, suddenly has come into a prominence rarely experienced by any other heretofore.

All this progress has not come without pain—real growing pains—with many more to follow. The county faces an acute housing shortage unless several hundred houses are built in 1951; the county school system is practically torn apart at the seam in nearly every district in the county by the influx of students, that which has been felt the past year, and the promise of more.

Schools, already not adequate to house the youngsters, soon will be in a pitiable condition unless some drastic action is taken at once. A year from now the picture will be one which will make the whole county think seriously about a few consolidations in addition to several building programs. That is the picture, today.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

People as far away as Anchorage, Alaska, wish to subscribe to the Pilot, to learn of trends in this area. Late last week, this letter came: "Will you please enter my subscription to the Pilot for one year and send bill to me by air mail. Earl T. Trosper, P. O. Box 1111, Anchorage, Alaska."

This is but a sample of the inquiries the Pilot receives almost weekly from some place in the northwest. While nothing of reason was given for the interest shown, it was evident "between the lines" that people are seeking a new life, away from the congested areas, and one where initiative and ingenuity might carry them far.

I look with a little apprehension upon the next year for this community. Things are going to happen too rapidly for most of us to keep abreast. The housing situation will eventually be taken care of, but in the meantime, I can see people living in most any shelter for a few months. The school situation is almost one for alarm. Picture, if you can, the present school facilities trying to care for twice the enrollment.

Frankly, school authorities are

spending some anxious moments—perhaps some sleepless nights—trying to solve the problem. In some ways they know not exactly what to plan—and in others it is definite the school population will double. In what grades will these pupils be? Things have a peculiar way of not going according to a pattern.

Facing this area is the problem of incorporation—and that in a relatively short time. True, many arguments are current against a movement of this kind, but as surely as night follows day, the movement must be taken. Active in this movement is a committee appointed by the chamber of commerce, which has arranged a meeting when an expert on incorporation will be heard.

This area can be likened unto a bolt of cloth—without form—with no pattern of procedure, no plan for progress. Incorporation would establish an identity, it would set a responsibility and a goal. Like all questions, there may be two sides, but the time is at hand when the people of this area must decide upon a plan of unified action.

People of the area are really thrilled to see action on construction begin on the new plywood plant. It seems to many to be an answer to a prayer; it is a new birth of hope to those whose faith in southwestern Oregon has been unwavering all the many years of residence here.

Bringing to this community of at least two hundred and fifty new families will not bring only workers for the new industry, but will bring new residents of professional nature—say teachers, doctors, nurses, and more skilled tradesmen needed to care for the area.

It wouldn't be with much imagination to conceive of new stores coming to the area, it would not be amiss to think automobile agencies locating here. Such is what we may expect here soon.

Some of this new influx may be taken care of by expansion of present local businesses—which will attract new workers to this area. The figure of two hundred

and fifty families coming to work in the plywood plant will eventually mean another hundred to enter business or professions.

I am glad to see that the Eagles are gaining ground in this area. This organization, while it enjoys lots of social affairs, has definitely done much to further old age benefits in this country. It is, I believe, the first such group to inaugurate the idea, which is now quite a national plan.

I have noticed wherever an Aerie has been located, in my years in the newspaper game, the Eagles have a way of doing things, and quickly. I am not quite aware of the methods, but I am certain they are good as well as effective.

Coming as it does, right at this particular time, I predict much good will come from this organization. I look for the local Aerie to soon have its own home—which will be built by a lot of co-operation. In this home, I also predict much of the community's social affairs will soon be taking place.

There are a number of Eagle members about the area who belong to Aeries in other cities who are talking up the proposition about the town. They are certainly hopeful that an Aerie soon will be granted a charter. In fact they almost demand it.



By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

There has been less actual House action during the first two months of this session than I have seen here in several years. Only one major bill has been acted upon thus far, the extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act. Meanwhile, of course, committees are working on various pieces of legislation. Bills will be coming to the floor rather rapidly from now on. I expect some people will start calling this a "do nothing" congress. My own opinion is that it is the quality of legislation passed by a congress that is important rather than its success in grinding out a lot of laws.

The administration is still pressing for enactment of the socialistic "Truman Deal" program. Some of it, notably the principles of the famous Brannan plan, are before congress thinly disguised in the budget. It is pretty certain that the 82nd congress will eliminate all such hidden ball tricks that can be discovered.

Revelations regarding the scandal in the RFC are the most vivid news here now. One reliable financial publication says of it: "The sub-committee findings are mostly in the nature of official confirmation of private reports that have been increasingly prevalent since the war."

The president, ever loyal to his gang of insiders, has called the senate sub-committee's report on this subject "asinine." But the Washington Daily News stated recently that "insiders say the White House was told—in the summer of 1949—about an affidavit charging that E. Merl Young, former RFC employee, had offered to influence the big lending agency for fee of \$85,000." It is a sordid and sickening story.

Standing timber in Western Oregon and Washington is one item of commerce that will not be troubled much by the imposition of ceiling prices under order of Jan. 26. Prevailing ceiling prices on timber stumpage are: Douglas fir, \$63.00 per thousand feet, western hemlock \$21.50; and sugar pine, \$42.85.

After congress passes a law which authorizes the executive department to do certain things it no longer has control of what happens. All that congress can do then is to await developments

and make inquiry into the facts of bad administration after it has happened. For example, congress has given the Department of Agriculture authority regarding the sale and purchase of farm products. Senator Williams of Delaware made an investigation and learned that about the same time the United States was selling cheese at a great loss to England, we were importing more than 13,000,000 pounds of cheddar cheese from the British Empire.

The agriculture department sold 50,000,000 pounds of cheddar cheese to the British Empire at 15c a pound. The United States taxpayers had bought this cheese at a rate of 31c a pound, thereby losing \$7,500,000 in the transaction.

State Tax Man To Come To County

A man from Oregon state tax commission will be at the court house, Gold Beach, next Monday, March 19 from 8 to 12 noon, according to word received from the tax commission early this week.

Weather Report

For the week ending on Sunday: Max. Min. Rain

March 5	42	34	.27
March 6	47	39	.72
March 7	49	35	.12
March 8	50	48	.78
March 9	46	32	.22
March 10	50	32	.08
March 11	53	33	
Rainfall for week			2.19

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Campbell and son, Jimmy, who spent the winter at Heber Springs, Ark., are expected home this week.

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