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Letter From Washington

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RECENTLY I received a report from the Army Engineers on the status of, and progress on, the various public works projects in the Fourth Congressional District.

The various elements of the Willamette Valley Flood Control project constitute the major work in Oregon. Construction of the Detroit dam and power house is now complete. First power will be put on the line in June with a 50,000 kw generator, to be followed by another 50,000 kw in October. The re-regulating dam below Detroit will be ready to furnish 18,000 additional kw in April 1954. The flood control value of the Detroit dam was felt very beneficially in the January floods this year.

Work on the powerhouse at Lookout Point dam has been started and it is anticipated that dam and powerhouse, downstream from Lookout Point, will be opened in the near future.

THE PRELIMINARY report on the possibility of providing a deep water ocean harbor at Chetco Cove, Brookings, was returned to the Portland district office by the Board of Engineers with a request that consideration

be given to a project of reduced size

For harbor maintenance work this year the engineers plan to have three dredges operating, beginning about the middle of May. The dredge Biddle will start working at the mouth of the Columbia. Another dredge, probably the Kingman, will begin dredging the entrance channel at Coos Bay. The dredge Pacific will start work in Newport on June 1 and plans call for that dredge to go down to the Coquille at Bandon in July.

The engineers say that some "stabilization work" will be done during the summer at Winchester Bay and in the Umpqua.

THE LEGISLATIVE program for this session is moving along at moderate speed. The Hawaiian statehood bill passed the House by a large majority as was expected since the platforms of both political parties pledged support for statehood. The so-called tidelands oil bill is under consideration in both House and Senate and I think will reach the floor of the House before long.

Although Representative Reed of New York is making a vigorous battle to get his tax reduction bill to the floor immediately, it will probably not be considered for a few weeks. I have reported on this subject in previous letters. The situation is not changed. The present controversy is a little on the foolish side because the proposed reduction will be the same and applied on

For What It's Worth
Timely Topics
From Sylvia Lee

By SYLVIA C. LEE



I FIRMLY BELIEVE that if in years to come our children feel indebted at all to their parents, it will be for the encouragement given them to avail themselves of the opportunity for religious growth in the church.

Granting readily that the school and the home are two very important agencies for the building

building of attitudes and capabilities in the younger generation, I still will insist that the church and its religious teachings cannot be ignored in the over-all development.

Just as Jefferson once made the remark that if he had to choose between a free press and government, he would prefer the former; so if I had to make a choice between the teaching of the church and that of the schools, I would take that of the church. Luckily for all of us, we do not have to make such a drastic decision.

The school, the church, and the home all exist together and work together toward the perfection of man. Any who would argue that religion is unnecessary is in the same breath maintaining that morals are unnecessary.

With the home paying less and less attention to the character building of its children due to the increasing demands of a highly complex daily life, the church must of necessity take on the welcome burden of teaching youth by example and precept, the difference between good and bad conduct based on religious principles.

Since the schools find their responsibilities increasing yearly relative to preparing their graduates for an increasingly complicated and highly specialized world, they also cannot be expected to perform the service necessary for the moral and spiritual development of youth.

As parents we cannot afford to starve our children spiritually. The church and its teachings are ours for the taking. Failure on our part to point the path is to deprive those whom we love best of their most vital and essential blessings.

VFW Officers Elected For Year

Officers elected for the ensuing year by the V.F.W. are: Commander, Al Phillips; senior vice president, Ralph Wallace; junior vice president, A. L. Webb; adjutant, George Nelson.

Auxiliary officers are: President, Bertha Whirry; first vice president, Henrietta Dill; junior vice president, Eleanor Koehler; treasurer, Clara Bolin.

The secretary will be appointed by the incoming president.

the same date no matter whether the bill is passed now or May 1.

Meanwhile the appropriations bills are anxiously awaited by House members. The various subcommittees have been holding hearings but only on routine items. Final work on the appropriations bills will not be started until President Eisenhower sends his new budget up to the Congress. It is expected momentarily.

SPEAKING of appropriations reminds me of a bit of information I came across the other day. If we are able to cut the Truman budget by ten billions, Oregon's share in such a reduction would total \$101,000,000.



GERMS FIGHT BACK
by Science Features

It is common knowledge that once you contract certain diseases you are not likely to get them again. Chicken pox and scarlet fever are examples of diseases which seldom strike the same person twice. The reason for this is that your body's defenses usually make you resistant to these particular diseases after the first attack.

In recent years, scientists have become aware of a similar type of resistance which some microbes can develop against the chemical weapons devised to combat them. Thus a microbe originally known to be affected by a sulfa drug or antibiotic may after a time develop strains resistant to the drug.

Development of such resistant strains is the microbe's way of fighting back. An example of this is the staphylococcus family of bacteria, some strains of which have become resistant to penicillin and other antibiotics. Under a microscope, these germs, which cause such infections as boils and abscesses, look like clusters of tiny grapes.

Fortunately this problem of bacterial resistance is far from hopeless. Not long ago, scientists of Chas. Pfizer & Co., Inc., announced the discovery of a new antibiotic—one of the miraculous earth-mold drugs—which is particularly effective against resistant bacteria. Named magnamycin, it has recently been made available to doctors around the world.

A report in the medical journal Antibiotics and Chemotherapy chronicled the success of this new antibiotic in laboratory tests. These tests indicate that magnamycin is effective against germs that have developed resistance to the antibiotics now in general use, including the resistant strains which cause a rare staphylococcal enteritis—a disease not unlike acute food upsets.

A separate report by a physician of the University of California School of Medicine also records the successful use of magnamycin against tonsillitis, pneumonia, amoebic dysentery and local infections such as boils and abscesses. However, the scientists believe that magnamycin's major importance lies in its success against resistant germs.

Mrs. Sylvia Lee, county extension agent, is attending a food preservation refresher workshop at Oregon State college in Corvallis scheduled for March 23 through March 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Some of the subjects to be reviewed will be freezing fish, meat, poultry, eggs, milk, fruits, vegetables, precooked and prepared foods, in all stages from qualities, quantities, varieties, wrappings; also some facts to aid in answering the many questions on canning, pickling, jellies, jams, deep freeze and storing, will be discussed.

Mrs. Vesper Bailor, chairman of the 4-H preliminary exhibit program for the central district, has some tentative plans which she is asking each 4-H group in the central district to participate. This is to be practice for the fair exhibit and contests and demonstrations that come in August.

Each 4-H club, home economics, health or miscellaneous project and agriculture will participate.

This day will be held some time during May with the date to be announced later.

The truly useful person is so busy being useful that he has no time to consider how useful he is.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dimmick spent the past week in the San Francisco area.

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