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**The County's Most Important Bill**

Curry County voters who go to the polls next May 21 will find an imposing list of candidates for their consideration.

They will be faced also with one important bill; the one calling for a reappraisal of Curry County property values.

And, probably, the reappraisal bill is as important to this county as are the choices that the people make in their elective officers.

The only thing to be really feared, concerning the reappraisal bill, is that people will misunderstand it. It has been characterized as a bill to raise taxes. It is not.

What the bill will do is simply this: It will provide the county's share of the funds to have properties in Curry County reappraised, so that each piece of property will pay its just share, and only its just share in taxes.

State Representative Rod McKenzie, a member of the legislative tax committee says they have found properties paying as little as thirteen per cent of the tax they should pay; they have found other properties paying 275 per cent of the taxes they should have assessed against them.

No one can argue for the present system, which applies values to property that are hopelessly out of date. What is needed is a reappraisal that will provide the true tax that property should pay . . . no more and no less.

Curry County voters should make sure that this bill passes.

**Ross L. Putnam**

The death of Ross Putnam has taken one of Brookings' most popular citizens away from us.

In the seven years that Ross had lived here, he had built up a circle of friends which number the greatest part of this community. Probably no one who has ever known him has escaped the sadness which his passing leaves.

Ross did a great deal for this community. The business that he established here was an important factor in our economy. But more than that, his contributions to our community life have made this a richer place in which to live.

Ross leaves a better town than he found . . . and it is because of the contributions he made to it. He will be sorely missed in the Brookings-Harbor area.

**LETTER FROM WASHINGTON**

In my letter last week I told of the hearing held by the House Committee on Public Works on my bill to authorize the construction of Cougar dam on the McKenzie with the cooperation of the Eugene Water and Electric Board. I said I thought it was a good hearing. Evidently it was because just four days later the committee met in executive session and reported the bill favorably to the house. In ordinary words, this is referred to as "getting the bill out of committee." It is a big step forward for the legislation. I hope we can get it on the floor of the house soon.

The house has just completed another item in President Eisenhower's legislative program. The bill which provides for United States cooperation with Canada in building the St. Lawrence Seaway has been passed by both House and Senate. Another Senate-passed bill, which at least in part is in accordance with the President's program, is the legislation providing statehood for Hawaii and Alaska. Although he recommended statehood only for Hawaii I understand President has expressed himself as being satisfied to see the Senate bill adopted. This bill is at present in the hands of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs where it was sent after it came from the Senate.

Apparently the recent Court of Appeals decision on the O and C controverted lands case will not disturb plans made by the legislative committee in both House and Senate to consider the bill which Senator Cordon and I have introduced. Our bill would not only settle the dispute and provide for the distribution of the money, but it also provides specifically regarding the administration of the lands and directs an exchange program between the two departments which will remove what is now a checker-board pattern of ownership. Although the court decision clearly declares the disputed lands to be a part of the O and C land grant, and that money received from the sale of timber on the lands should be considered O and C money, it does not clarify the troublesome question as to which department of government shall administer the lands. Obviously the answer to that question must be clearly spelled out by Congress—which is what our bill does.

Senator William Jenner, Republican of Indiana, chairman of the Senate Internal Security Sub-



**FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**  
By **CLIFFORD P. ROWE**

A bit of my past caught up with me the other day; and as is often the case, I was not too happy over the fact that I had forgotten it.

Having been invited to Madras to address a group of high school newspaper staffers at their first Central Oregon Press conference banquet I dropped in to chat with the publishers of the Madras Pioneer. There, much to my surprise, I found at the linotype machine the man who way back in 1925 gave me my first journalistic break.

As editor of the little weekly paper in my home town, his was the first establishment I visited when I returned home from college on vacation. In fact, it was during my first summer vacation that he let me cover my first story for his paper; and when I saw it in print, I was the proudest kid in the state of Washington.

That I had never forgotten; one just doesn't forget such milestones. But in our conversation, he told how in those trying days of earning my own way through college, I had on several occa-

committee, has filed his report on the Harry Dexter White case. It's a shocking story of total disregard of reports on government employees accused of Communist and espionage activity.

"Repeated exposures by the FBI of subversive activities by several top Treasury Department officials in the previous administration failed to result in the firing of a single one of them," Jenner informed the Senate.

The report explains how a political party, anxious not to disturb left-wing support, can hide behind the FBI failing to follow through when the proof of subversion is available.

The report also revealed that several of the Treasury Department employees on whom FBI reports cast doubt, including White and Coe, were promoted to better jobs, which provided even greater opportunities for raiding the files of our government and passing its secrets along to an agent, not to mention the golden opportunities for twisting our policy to favor Soviet Russia."

sions become pretty discouraged and had shared my troubles with him. From his reminiscings I gathered that his kindly advice had strengthened my determination to keep going in spite of difficulties.

This was the part I had forgotten; and as I traveled westward the next morning, I found myself trying to figure out why. My final conclusion was that youth in his closeness to his troubles is too often unaware of those factors which are to influence his later life.

So, tardy as I may be, I want him to know that I am thankful; and at the same time would like to express similar appreciation to all those adults who take time from their daily chores to offer a kind word to a youngster who, although seemingly independent, does crave the guidance of those who speak from the experience of years.

Great indeed must be the wealth of satisfying memories which become the heritage of those who have helped a youth along his early road.

The power to love truly and devotedly is the noblest gift with which a human being can be endowed; but it is a sacred fire that must not be burned to idols.—  
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