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EDITORIAL

FOR A RAINY DAY.....

There was a great hue and cry raised over the Curry County budget this year. Probably the large amounts of money that are being spent, coupled with the fact the people are feeling the tax burden more and more account for intense interest.

We have come across something concerning the budget that may be of interest to our readers. We don't necessarily wish to carp at the budget committee, but on the other hand we don't feel like neglecting our duty in informing the public either.

We received an interesting bit of information from attorney Sam Hall of Brookings the other day that would bear some investigation. When Hall was serving as district attorney of Curry County, he reportedly wrote an opinion on the legality of a "sinking fund" as set up in the Curry County budget. He said that it was his opinion that such a sinking fund is not legal. We don't wish to go into the legality of the "sinking fund" because we believe that the budget committee--by putting the monies in the road fund have violated only the spirit of the law, and not the letter of the law.

Hall maintains, and we agree, that a budget should be set up, and taxes raised FOR THE FISCAL YEAR'S EXPENSES AND THAT'S ALL. No more, and no less. We know, of course, that in certain things--such as a building program such as the courthouse, or in the city for a sewer disposal plant--naturally a "sinking fund" is both legal and logical.

However, for the court and budget committee to set aside a huge sinking fund because of the possibility, no matter how remote, that there may be a recession or depression in the county years hence we just don't go along with.

First, we would like to clear up two points. One, we are for savings, whether it be individual, or business--but we don't believe that our county government morally can tax us now, just so that they can keep a huge cash reserve to fall back on in future years, which is precisely what they are doing.

Secondly, we're not talking about small peanuts, either. The county has \$350,000 in that fund, which is considerably more than twice the amount needed to be raised by taxes in the 1957-58 fiscal year.

Our contention is, and we believe Hall and many other feel the same way, that saving money for a rainy day is commendable, but not at the expense of the present taxpayer. It is grossly unfair for the current taxpayer to pay into this huge sinking fund, and then not realize any benefits from it if he would sell his property and leave the area. It is very similar to a man putting money in a bank savings account, and then not drawing it out when he leaves town.

We call this to the public's attention just so they know. We are not suggesting any course of action. We would like to know when the county court will be in a position to declare that we are having a "rainy day". It may be possible that this is the year right now.



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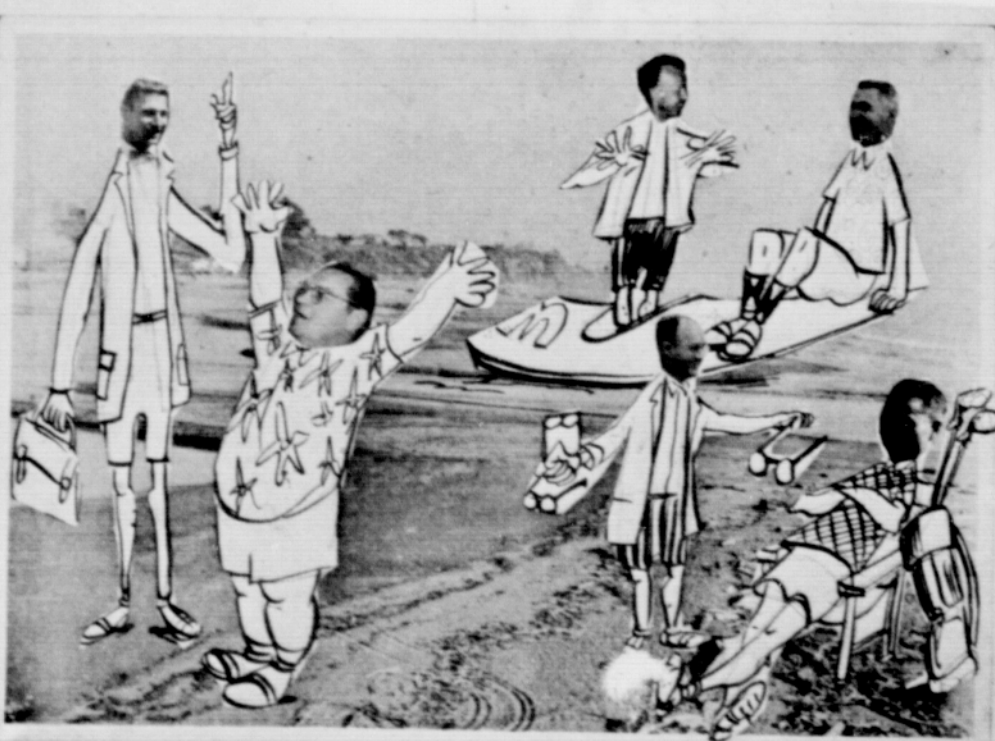
BUD PISAREK

This week I'd like to imagine that our fair city has adopted the bermuda short fad for the summer. Since our weather has been second to none, we should dress the part. Anyway it's good for the tourist.

Can you imagine guys like "Doc" Smith, Sam Hall and Carl Yahr dressed to kill? Or how about Lee Hein, and "Frenchy" Arrell or Al "Frenchy" Arrell or Al Phillips all decked out in the latest?

I took the liberty to caricature some of the fellows as I think they might look in the seasons best.

Don't take it to heart men, just refuse to wear 'em.



for what it's worth

CLIFFORD ROWE

I suppose that it is only natural for the older generation to find fault with the younger. The same would probably hold true in reverse if it weren't for the fact that youngsters are taught early to hold in respect the actions of their elders at least they are not supposed to express them publicly.

Too often, however, the fault of the young can easily be traced to the teaching, consciously or unconsciously, of the very ones who criticize. Actually it is even possible that the intensity of the criticism may be in direct proportion to the degree of guilt afflicting the critic.

Such was my reaction recently while attending a gathering at which the principal speaker was discussing the opportunities available to the college graduate of today. The gist of the entire speech was that youth has never had it so good so far as finding employment is concerned. However, he did find one fly in the ointment so far as it affected him as an employer.

He stated that he found the college graduate of today to be a very menacing character. "Almost invariably", he explained, "when the

young graduate is being interviewed relative to a position, the first question which he asks is in regard to retirement policy, sick leave, vacations, medical and health services and salary scale".

Somehow, the speaker gave the impression that it just wasn't "cricket" to be such an eager beaver relative to money or benefits when applying for a job. Naturally, the listeners assumed that such was not the attitude of job seekers in the days of the speaker's youth.

Personally, I fail to recall a time when anyone sought a job just for the pleasure of working. Of course, there were times when jobs were scarce and labor was plentiful and one was thankful to have any job regardless of salary. But if he wasn't interested in the compensation, it was because he had no choice in the matter.

But today with the accent on getting rather than giving, with salaries taking precedence over service, and profit overshadowing principles, can we honestly blame youth for falling into the pattern.

PIPE DREAMS

JOE MURPHY



It is our personal opinion that the community owes coach Cal Pae, and co-conspirator Dr. Ed Samuels a vote of gratitude for the swimming program. It was long needed by the kids, many of whom have never got more than a big toe in the water before. It certainly is one program that I wish could be continued, and expanded. We appreciate the help that the various organizations have given the project, and the way the school system has contributed use of the bus.

A dramatic story is slowly unfolding in the wilderness area of the Chetco drainage, as reported in last week's Pilot. A monument to eight fliers who lost their lives in a crash of a Navy PBY, will be erected this summer. The graves of the eight men have been in that wild country for more than 10 years, virtually unmarked. We know that some where, some people will feel a little happier, knowing that the government cared enough about their son to erect a monument in their behalf.

We tried our hand at high jumping Sunday, along with coach Doug MacFarlane. We made 4 feet 2 inches, which is just 2 feet 11 inches shy of the world record set recently by a Russian. Monday morning we decided that we wouldn't attempt to go for a new record.

The girls of the Monday night bridge club were surprised--upon arriving at the Jack Holmes house to play bridge they found nothing but glowing coals where the house had been. Needless to say they didn't play any bridge.

LUMBER MARKET SLOW

The lumber market shows no new signs of life following traditional Fourth of July mill shutdowns, and prices remain unchanged or slightly lower, according to Random Lengths, Eugene weekly lumber market letter.

Another influence bearing on the Green mill Market disappeared last week when threats of a strike among British Columbia coastal mills failed to materialize. Increased freight rates are in the offing, but if the market is still weak at the time the increase will have an adverse effect on the mills.

Studs follow the same market pattern that has prevailed for the past ninety days. Limited production by some mills has enabled them to maintain a steady price level while those who attempt to maintain normal production have been forced to lower levels.

The green market generally finds a few items surging into a healthy market position momentarily, then returning to their normal levels. Overall, the green market is soft, and there is general feeling that price reductions will be required to keep production moving.

Mills shipping mixed cars of green and kiln dried lumber anticipate very little market activity until resumption of operations for most being this week. Over the holiday period, demand remained steady, but low in volume.

The pine market shows little change from last week. There is a wide range in prices, especially for low grade selects and all grades of commons except No. 2 and better.

The plywood sheathing market continues to hold steady, but sanded stock still moves slowly. Although plants are hopeful that vacation shutdowns will strengthen the sanded market, further price reductions may be necessary.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Dorothy Millgard Lockland, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled Court of the State of Oregon for the County aforesaid, Executor of the Estate of Dorothy Millgard Lockland, deceased, and having qualified, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them, verified as required by law with proper vouchers, within six months of the date of this Notice to said creditors, at the office of Samuel A. Hall, Central Building, Brookings, Oregon, the attorney for the said Executor.

HARRY LOCKLAND
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