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A Knotty Problem

One of the many knotty problems to confront the 1947 legislature is implementation of the recently-approved school support bill adding \$5,000,000 for equalization purposes to the public school system.

Two proposals already are being drawn or have been drawn for presentation to the assembly, one by a new group of sponsors and the other by the state P-T-A, the state school board association, the Oregon Educational association and Ronald Jones—the sponsors of the measure on the November ballot.

The legislative action must cover two phases—where the money shall come from and how it is to be allocated. The measure itself provided that basically the fund would come from property taxes, outside of the 6 per cent limitation, with surplus income tax to offset such levy. Now comes the governor's tax study commission recommending the abolition of property taxes as a source of state revenue. So other complications could set in, depending on what action is taken on the recommendations as a whole.

One factor appears certain—local school districts will have to set up their own basic programs, or, in effect, take the initial effort toward local fund-finding.

Day of Superstition

The National Safety Council says a person doesn't need to be any more worried than usual today, even though its Friday the thirteenth. The day of superstition, in fact, is just average, unusual as accidents are concerned, the council says.

If there is anything unusual in that fact, it would seem to be that the day doesn't bring far fewer accidents than other days. After all, drivers are especially watchful of black cats, there is more salt-throwing over the left shoulder, lots of people won't step on cracks, and knocking on wood hits an all-time high. And still there is no reduction in accidents.

The lack of effect must be a bit discouraging to the superstitious—or maybe they think the day would bring far graver repercussions if extraordinary precautions were not taken. Certainly the fact that it remains "just average" shouldn't encourage anyone to let down his guard. Until courtesy becomes the rule of the road, pedestrians still can keep in mind that saving about the survival of the fleetest.

High Time for Discretion

A long-delayed move to restrict beer drinking in drug stores and service stations is under way by the liquor control commission, as well as a renewed attempt to compel compliance with sanitation requirements in all places where beer is sold.

Sentiment for or against prohibition has nothing to do with the fact that driving and drinking do not mix, and that the practice of permitting beer-drinking at service stations holding beer licenses is not in accord with either safe practices or the spirit of the law itself. Package licenses are enough for isolated service stations to hold, at the very most. Also, the consumption of beer at drug stores and grocery stores where children congregate is hardly condonable even in instances where such stores constitute the only places where such service could be provided.

As long as Venezuela strong men don't unhorse more than each other, guess the UN can't do much about it. But Latin America's breaking of the peace doesn't help hemispheric solidarity even if the fight's within one nation's borders.

Damon Runyon, Walter "Big Train" Johnson got the final summons on Tuesday. Each in his field distinguished himself and their passing brings a pang to thousands who never knew them personally.

The central government of Iran has got up courage to spark its rebellious province of Azerbaijan. The world hopes that there will be no outside interference in this family feud, and particularly that Britain and Russia will not start any lend-lease to either side.

The secretary of agriculture says food prices have reached their top and will remain generally constant for several months. We like the first part of his statement better than the last, in some ways.

The army has announced there no longer will be a bar to marriages between U. S. soldiers and German frauleins. There are some rules that even the army recognizes as not feasible of permanent enforcement.

Some corporations are getting the Christmas spirit and their stockholders will find an "extra" dividend check in their Christmas stockings.

Republicans are looking for their 1948 national convention site. It can be assumed they'll arrange for some place which isn't heated by coal.

The state department of agriculture says the 1946 crop of bulbs and bulblets totaled 31,286,000. Must have been quite a job counting them all, especially the 24,389,000 bulblets.

So many Santa Clauses in red suits are showing up in towns and department stores it looks like an outbreak of measles.

Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries

A SHRINE FOR VANCOUVER

A group of Vancouver, Wash., people has organized for the purpose of obtaining about 16 acres of the Vancouver barracks property, which the army recently declared surplus. These people want to build a replica of the old Hudson Bay company stockade on the site of original Fort Vancouver and make it into a sort of national historic shrine.

This is a worthy enterprise, and there ought to be more movements of this same kind in northwest cities with historical background and historic sites.

Recently the northwest was criticized sharply by a writer in a national magazine for its neglect of its historical traditions. This criticism hurt because it is true. Many tourists who come here know of the northwest country principally what they learned in their school books—about Dr. McLoughlin at Vancouver, about Marcus Whitman, about Captain Robert Gray, John Jacob Astor, Lewis and Clark, and the places where these people were active. When they get here they want to see the places associated with the historic characters of whom they learned in school.

These places all should be made into shrines, they should where possible have replicas of the original stockades or buildings, and they should have small-scale museums with any available relics or facts regarding the people and events for which the place is famous.

The restoration of old Fort Vancouver in a shrine setting will be a big asset in attracting tourists. Some day Astoria must take similar steps with regard to the many historic spots we can show our visitors. (Astorian-Budget.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

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property tax levied on automobiles, and second because so large a portion of motor vehicle travel is on city streets, constructed and maintained mostly by the cities.

This claim, however, runs counter to another very live interest of the cities and that is in the development of our primary system of highways for the needs of commerce, of service travel and for tourists. City residents like to be able to drive swiftly, safely and comfortably all over the state. They like to have roads leading to their own cities well improved so that others may come either for trade or for pleasure. The money simply will not stretch at current construction costs to modernize the highway system and furnish large additional sums to the cities.

Any revenue from this source must go to build or maintain streets or retire indebtedness incurred for that purpose. It would not go into the general fund, though it might reduce some of the other calls on the latter for street work.

My own judgment is that it would be better for the cities and counties to go along with present receipts from the state highway department and permit the other revenues to go toward the urgently needed work of completing or reconstructing portions of our highway system. Locally for instance we have been urging relocation of Highway 222 between Salem and Mill City; construction of the Willamette cutoff; two new bridges across the Willamette, one at Independence, another at Salem; determination of route of 99E through or around Salem looking to its reconstruction. Certainly we want no deferment of the first three items, only one of which, the Independence bridge, has been approved.

Maybe cities can compromise by getting a bigger cut from liquor and letting the highway distribution stand.

School Board Group Plans Reorganization

Nearly 100 members of the Oregon State Association of School Boards were back at their homes today preparing for a reorganization to be effected at the next meeting in April.

The annual meeting in Salem yesterday was adjourned without election of new officers pending the spring session, but George C. Huggins, president, was voted authority to name a committee to lay the groundwork for reorganizing the entire set-up.

A spread of the county-wide school board association plan to include all counties in Oregon will be part of the new program.

Considerable discussion was held in connection with a sales tax for Oregon and every vocal sentiment favored its inauguration as soon as possible. The group informally also urged the legislature to tap every available tax resource to make certain the full amount of the recently approved school support measure accrued to the schools.

Besides Huggins, the other officers whose terms will extend until the spring meeting are Ralph Coleman, Corvallis, vice president, and Mrs. Clifford Constance, Eugene, secretary-treasurer.

Oregon Scenic Spots Pictured in Pamphlet

A new book, "Look at America," containing pictures of Oregon scenic spots was received by the state highway commission travel department this week.

Pictures by Oregon photographers, including Ralph Gifford, travel department photographer, include views of the state capital at Salem, coast highway, Mt. Hood and Crater lake. The book is published by Look magazine.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"—and barring strikes and shortages of medical equipment, he promises delivery August 2, 1947!"



The Snuffer

Public Records

JUSTICE COURT

Joe D. Dwyer, Portland, charged with failure to surrender operator's license upon order of the secretary of state's office; case continued for plea until December 16.

Robert Morgan, 1225 N. 5th st., charged with assault with intent to commit rape, preliminary examination held; held to answer before grand jury on charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Harry S. Thomas, route 3, box 880, defective clearance lights, \$5 fine suspended upon payment of court costs.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Marcellus Norwest, route 1, Gervais, no driver's license, fined \$5.

T. E. Needham, 1000 McGillchrist st., parking violation warrant, posted \$3 bail.

John C. Schneider, Blue Bird cafe, parking violation warrant, posted \$28.50 bail.

Ralph W. Johnson, 333 Center st., parking violation warrant, posted \$5 bail.

Charles A. Dean, 70 Duncan ave., parking violation warrant, posted \$6 bail.

G. A. Benson, Ace confectionery, parking violation warrant, posted \$2 bail.

st., parking violation warrant, posted \$4.50 bail.

Wallace L. Steed, 140 N. 17th st., parking violation warrant, posted \$10.50 bail.

H. A. and W. A. Smith, 2151 S. Winter st., parking violation warrant, posted \$19.50 bail.

R. C. Nelson, Chemeketa st., parking violation warrant, posted \$7.50 bail.

CIRCUIT COURT

Maurice D. Dickinson vs. Ella M. Dickinson: Order of default.

H. K. Keppinger and Dora Keppinger vs. Richard Dowell and Elaine Dowell: Notice of appeal filed.

Elda E. Patzer vs. Leonard D. Patzer: Order overruling motions and giving defendant 10 days in which to plead.

Alice Stravens vs. George Stravens: Answer filed by defendant.

Bess Wolf vs. Henry Wolf: Suit for divorce charging cruel and

inhuman treatment; married January 17, 1929.

Mae McGray vs. Tim McGray: Order appointing Sam B. Harrison as counsel for defendant.

Violet Maloney vs. John F. Maloney: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment; married February 2, 1946, at South Bend, Wash.

Robert T. Martin vs. Lena Martin: Order of default.

Dorothy J. Douglas vs. Cleveland Douglas: Answer filed by defendant.

Lorraine G. Sebern vs. Ralph V. Sebern, Jr.: Suit for divorce charging desertion; married May 18, at West Salem.

PROBATE COURT

Ellen Edes Myers estate: Order setting January 11, 1947, for hearing of final account.

Warren F. Pohle estate: Order appointing Pioneer Trust Co. and Frances Utter executors.

Arthur Gloyd estate: Order appointing Lloyd Gregory, Lloyd Hockett and Myrtle N. Shelley as appraisers.

Ruth V. Gentry estate: Order fixing January 11, 1947, for final hearing.

Pheloe Bland estate: Order asking appraisers be appointed by Lane county circuit court.

Albertina Priem estate: Order setting January 15, 1947, for final hearing.

Mary E. Way estate: Order setting January 10, 1947, for final hearing.

Stella K. Walrath estate: Order for partial distribution.

Lina Heist estate: Order reopening estate.

Eva O. Hickel estate: Order authorizing execution of deed.

Christmas Tree Cutting Violations Rate Warning

Warning against the widespread and illegal practice of cutting Christmas trees for the market was issued here Wednesday by Nels Rogers, state forester. He said all state forest department employees have been instructed to watch for this form of trespass and take immediate legal action.

One conviction already has been obtained, Rogers said. K. C. Bartlett, Portland, was fined \$25 and given a 15-day suspended jail sentence in the St. Helens justice court. He was charged with cutting Christmas trees on private lands.

"Some of the worst examples of trespass of this nature have been on lands that have been designated as state forests and on areas that have been designated as 'tree farms' by the private land owners," Rogers declared.

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

Governor Earl Snell urged today that next Sunday be observed as national Bill of Rights day, giving recognition to "one of our principal guarantors of freedom."

Bend, Dec. 12—William Kuhn, Jr., the youth who fled from police into a blizzard last month, was under a 90-day jail sentence today on a charge of hunting without a license.

He pleaded guilty. Arrested on the hunting violation in November, he escaped into the snow, and fled to Canada. He was re-arrested at Madras this week.

Police said he admitted going AWOL from Camp Roberts, Calif., in 1944, and coming to live in an isolated mountain cabin near here. The army has been notified of his arrest.

Dr. Dillin of Linfield Talks To Lions Club

An approach to peace through the points of agreement among nations rather than through bickering over the points of disagreement was stressed Thursday noon before the Salem Lions club by Dr. Harry L. Dillin, president of Linfield college at McMinnville and consultant in the economic and social council of United Nations.

The speaker declared that many such points of agreement which appear in the economic and social fields should be "worked to death," adding that this familiar American colloquialism might well turn out to mean "worked to life" in the building of lasting world peace.

Citing the need for the world fund and the international bank, Dr. Dillin asserted that world peace depends to a great extent upon helping the "have-not" nations develop a national economy in which they can take pride.

At its luncheon in the Marion hotel, the Lions club inducted into membership Ernest C. Rostel, assistant director of the travel department of the state highway commission, and Robert B. Hynd, assistant cashier of Salem branch, First National bank.

Deadlines for Veterans Near

World War II veterans are being reminded by James S. Harris, veterans representative in Salem, that several important deadlines affect benefits to which they are entitled.

The first will terminate a wartime offer of streamlined naturalization for veterans who are not yet citizens. About 1000 Oregon veterans are eligible to apply, up to December 31 of this year, through the immigration and naturalization service for naturalization without the usual tests and without cost.

The second deadline affects more than 100,000 Oregon veterans who have let their G. I. term insurance lapse. They may reinstate this insurance on or before February 1, 1947, without physical examination by signing a statement that their health is as good now as when their policy lapsed and by paying premiums for only two months.



SINGER — Lyric soprano Eleanor Steber is dressed for her role of Costanza in Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio" performed at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York.

Nobel Prize Winners Depart



NEW YORK, Dec. 12—Three American winners of Nobel prizes board a plane at New York's LaGuardia field for a flight to Stockholm, Sweden, where they will receive their awards. Left to right: Dr. Herman J. Muller, geneticist of the University of Indiana, winner in medicine and physiology; Dr. James B. Sumner, professor of biochemistry at Cornell, co-winner of the chemistry award, and Dr. Percy W. Bridgman, professor of mathematics and natural philosophy at Harvard, physics winner. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Over Oregon

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12—Oregon and Washington telephone installation workers were off their jobs today, but telephone service was not expected to be interrupted. At Roseburg, where the dispute started, a union spokesman said the men were asking \$4.94 a week extra to meet housing costs. The housing shortage, the spokesman said, had forced them to live in higher priced hotels rather than private homes. The walkout began in Oregon yesterday and spread northward.

La Grande, Dec. 12 — The Eastern Oregon Wheat league meeting here December 16-18, will receive a Union county delegates' resolution to cut drastically food exports for relief purposes. The local wheat league drafted a proposal that commodities sent from the United States to needy countries should comprise only those foods definitely surplus here.

Portland, Dec. 12 — Oregon towns plan to spend \$23,500,000 improving sewage systems to meet state requirements, the state board of health reports. Projects for sewer construction over the state total \$17,500,000 and proposed sewage disposal plants \$6,000,000. Bond issues totaling nearly \$15,000,000 have been voted by 24 communities, and \$2,250,000 is already on hand in sinking funds.

Klamath Falls, Dec. 12—Stopped-up sinks were receiving technical attention again today, as plumbers and steamfitters ended their nine-day strike and returned to work. The men, who had asked \$2.25 an hour, were granted \$2, plus any additional increase granted in Portland where plumbers are now studying a scale settlement.

La Grande, Dec. 12—A state board of agriculture official will come here December 18 to discuss the milk shortage with the city commission, milk distributors and producers and grocery-

tors and producers and grocery-men. A trend to sell dairy cows has cut La Grande's milk supply to half of normal. Quarts of milk vanish from retail shelves as fast as they arrive. Dairymen blame the situation on too small a profit margin.

Portland, Dec. 12—Harry D. Weaver, former newspaperman and prominent northwest lumberman, collapsed at his home early today and died a few hours later in a hospital. He was 46.

Weaver had been under treatment for a back injury incurred on a hunting trip, but was thought to be recovering.

The Spokane native came here last January as secretary of the lumbermen's industrial relations committee, after managing the Timber Products Manufacturers, Spokane. He was a member of the west coast lumber commission during the war.

Eugene, Dec. 12—Joseph W. Smith, graduate student in the University of Oregon school of education, will become Dallas high school principal next month. He will succeed Chester L. Tunnell, who this week took over the West Linn school superintendent left vacant by the slaying of Robert L. Henagin.

Portland, Dec. 12—Portland retail meat dealers signed a contract with AFL employees today providing \$63 for a 40-hour week, or \$74.80 for a 45-hour week.

Previous scales were \$57.50 for 48 hours. A dealer spokesman predicted the new rate would cause earlier closure of many markets.

Grants Pass, Dec. 12—Don Lorton, whose shot at a fish accidentally struck his wartime buddy, was charged today with illegal shooting.

Lorton wasn't arrested, however. He returned to his California home after being assured his comrade would recover.

Portland, Dec. 12—Jorge E. Chocano, new Peruvian consul general here, arrived here today to assume his post.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Grand American Tradition

The Cuppers had a grand old family reunion last week—for the first time since the war.

Big and little Cuppers came, by car and train, from as far west as Nebraska and as far east as Vermont. They crowded Dee and Jane's house, set up quarters in the barns, or stopped with neighbors—and a jollier gathering you couldn't have imagined!

I was asked to their final Saturday night supper, when they sang old songs, drank beer and cider, reminisced. Dark Cuppers and

blonde ones—Vermont accents and Alabama drawls—doctors and farmers... all with their differences of taste and politics, yet as close and harmonious in spirit as a group could be.

From where I sit, it's a great American tradition—not just family reunions, but the ability to get along as one harmonious family, regardless of differences of taste—whether it's taste for politics or farming, beer or cider.

Joe Marsh

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