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Where Reorganization Is Needed

Our esteemed contemporary, the Portland Oregonian, sees in the death of Tax Commissioner Coe A. McKenna and in the prospective early retirement of Commissioner Charles V. Galloway an opportunity to reorganize the commission, and recalls the campaign promise of Gov. Snell in 1942 to effect such a reorganization by reducing its membership to one. Undoubtedly a reorganization in personnel impends whether the number remains three or is reduced to one. But the basis of the Oregonian's demand is false. It attacks the commission thus: "For many years the Oregon state tax commission has been virtually a 'closed corporation' so far as public information is concerned. The independence and non-co-operative attitude of commissioners called before committees of the legislature seeking estimates, information and advice have surprised and angered many an assemblyman. The commission has been high-handed, dictatorial and inflexible in some of its dealings with county authorities."

That is pure gripe without adequate foundation. It rests on peevishness of individuals against the commission or on irritations that arise over the enforcement of tax laws.

There are no more conscientious or faithful or better informed public servants in the state than Earl Fisher and Charley Galloway. Instead of being non-co-operative they have been generous with assistance to legislators and tax students, sometimes to the point of being scolded for "interfering" with legislation. In dealing with county authorities, particularly Multnomah county they have been lenient to a fault. Surely the Oregonian isn't going to revive its phoney issue of 1942 over the distortion in assessments in Multnomah county.

As far as supplying estimates, information and advice is concerned, the commission has responded to the best of its ability; but it has never professed powers of clairvoyance and has admitted its inability to forecast accurately tax receipts in an economy as jumpy as the present.

There is more need for a reorganization of the editorial staff of the Oregonian. For years it has fed the people with prejudice and offered little really constructive for solution of the state's fiscal problems.

Quads Born in Tennessee

It was the fact that a woman in Tennessee bore quadruplets that brought her name into the news. Of much greater point were the facts in the story telling of the home in which the accouchement took place.

It is described as a "small wooden shack" at the foot of Suck creek mountain in Sequatchie valley. Five other children slept in the same room. There was no electric light, a miner's gas lamp provided illumination. The house lacked vessels usable for heating water, so buckets were obtained from neighbors. The mother lay on a straw mattress with neither sheets nor blankets.

What a terrible indictment of an "American home!" One may suspect a lower than normal intelligence because the husband and father has no better job than driving a mule in a coal mine. Even so, his wages should have been enough to provide better decency in his family's living.

In lesser degree similar wretched conditions prevail in many sections, chiefly of the south. They are definitely "rural slums." For all our vaunted reliance on individual liberty we ought not to permit such conditions to prevail. Not only is our pride shocked, but the spawning of children in such an environment cannot help but weaken society perhaps for generations.

If the trouble is economic some relief should be found. If it is a case of low intelligence some form of birth control ought to be invoked. The human race will not improve through multiplication of the least fit.

Isolating Polio Virus

A portion of the funds received by the National foundation for infantile paralysis has been devoted to research. Stanford university is one of the institutions where this research in the cause and cure of polio has been subsidized by the foundation. Late reports from Stanford indicate that scientists have isolated polio virus to a degree of 80 per cent purity. They plan to go ahead with experiments to weaken the virus by irradiating it with ultraviolet light or treating it with formaldehyde and then using it as a vaccine on animals. If the experiments prove successful for immunization then they will be tried on humans.

Photographs show the virus in the form of tiny spheres, only a millionth of an inch in diameter. The scientists do not regard the virus as ordinary bacteria, but more of a living molecule, a chemical able to reproduce itself.

The quest for the guilty agent in this disease has been long and arduous. Isolating it in such quantity and purity that it can be photographed is a long step forward toward mastery over the disease. This phase of the work of the foundation is probably the most important because of the promise it gives of a reliable cure or preventive.

Confusion in Italy

A split in the Italian socialist party over whether to continue to collaborate with the communists brings a reported threat of civil war. However Premier Gasperi, now in America, termed the report ridiculous.

The premier is undoubtedly correct for Italians are fed up with wars. There might be some sort of guerilla fighting or mob action in the streets, but not all-out civil war. The government would fall on much more than a breath of trouble.

Poor Italy. It has too many people for its resources, and they lack cohesion in political affairs. In such a state of distress the communists make medicine. They war on the Vatican and the church wars on them. Meantime because of the failure of the British and American occupation forces to back the right elements the former fascist sympathizers are still about in good health and social position.

Italy pays a heavy penalty for the ambitions of its saw-dust Caesar, Benito Mussolini.

Came the Juncos

Came the snow Sunday and with it, out of the nowhere, a flock of Oregon juncos or snowbirds. They seem to revel in the snow and cold, hovering about brush and shrubbery, darting out to forage for seeds for food. With black head and neck, slaty breast, and a flash of white in the tail feathers when they lift in flight the junco is readily recognizable.

Remember the birds, this weather, and put out crumbs or broken suet for their food and a pan of water for their drink.

The Oregonian refers to the state capitol as "Greek" in style. That is not correct. It is definitely modernistic, with its ancient counterpart more nearly Egyptian than Greek. In sharp contrast to the Roman-domed old capitol its style is growing in favor as people become accustomed to it. It should have had another story to give it more elevation and mass, but the money appropriated by a parsimonious legislature in 1935, wouldn't stretch that far.

A legislative interim committee recommends a state detention home for "pre-delinquent" boys. This is pretty much of a fiction. When the state gets hold of bad boys they are more apt to be "post" than "pre" delinquent.

Bishop Baxter Addresses Big C. of C. Group

"The things which count most are the things you cannot count," Bishop Bruce Baxter of the Methodist church said in a talk at Salem Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon Monday.

Speaking to a capacity audience which included many members of the 44th legislature which convened Monday, the speaker suggested the need for cultivation of attitudes which will carry through into the new year, for the individual and the state.

Attitudes of awareness, intelligence, generosity and spirituality were listed. Attitudes of awareness against the inevitability of a third world war, intelligence to use the limitless power provided by the atomic bomb, generosity which makes individuals see need for an action and then do something about it, and ability to put correct interpretation upon spiritual values, were stressed.

Regarding the atomic bomb the churchman said, "It might not determine who is right but who is left," and suggested it was "Christ or cremation."

Department heads from Willamette university of which Bishop Baxter was president until 1940, had seats at the head table.

Hewitt, Warner To Open New Men's Store

Plans for a new men's store in Salem were made public yesterday.

Gus Hewitt and Loyal Warner, Salem business men for a number of years, announced their purchase of the Senator Drug company and their intention of establishing a men's store to be known as Hewitt's in the High and Court street now occupied by the Senator drug store.

Hewitt, who has been manager of Jayson's men's store at Liberty and Court streets, will manage the new store. Warner will continue his other business interests.

Hewitt announced yesterday that an inventory of the drug store is underway and that the stock will be liquidated before the store space is altered to include additional space on the north side of the drug store. He said he did not expect to have the men's clothing store in operation before April.

Mrs. Rhea M. Whitby, present proprietor of Senator Drug Co., has no plans for the immediate future.

Stocks Take Sharp Drop

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—(P)—Stocks experienced one of their sharpest drops since early November today as late market support trimmed extreme setbacks in most cases.

The direction was downward from the start in lively dealings. The recovery attempt in the final hour, however, resulted in slackening activity. Liquors and amusements again were under pressure, a number hitting new lows for the past year. There was a smattering of gainers at the close, but declines of 1 to 4 or more were widespread. Transfers of 1,590,000 shares compared with 1,060,000 Friday and were the largest since Dec. 31.

A little last-minute bidding was credited to the idea the list may have been oversold. The extension of the Friday-Saturday retreat generally was attributed to skepticism over business prospects in coming months, labor legislation and tax relief. Attention was paid to the opinion of some economists that a 1947 recession was to be expected in line with that of the 1920's but not so severe as 1929.

The Associated Press 60-stock composite was off 1.1 points, biggest dip since Nov. 6. It was the broadest market since Dec. 10. Of 1060 issues registered, 839 declined and only 93 advanced.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Our lesson creamed foods, milk toast and egg nogs iv very important girls—because sometime in every husband's life he thinks he has ulcers!"



January Thaw

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the governor's unqualified approval, but he "plays down" any labor legislation and makes no positive stand on such questions as rural zoning, apportionment of school funds and makes no mention of the many serious problems relating to administration of liquor laws.

Governor Snell does make one recommendation of great importance and value, and that is for reforesting of the Tillamook burn, financing the cost by a severance tax on timber. However the state forestry program should not be restricted to this burn. There are other denuded areas which the state should undertake to reforest. On the question of forest administration the governor ignores the recommendation of his special committee for the creation of a department of forestry or the wiser alternative proposed by Claude Ballard, IWA member of the committee, for a state board of forestry "representative of the public as a whole."

The governor is correct in saying that conditions in Oregon are excellent. He is wrong if he thinks we can just continue coasting. Since he fails to assert positive leadership himself the various legislative committees must undertake the job of framing laws to effectuate them.

Salem Gardeners To Meet at YMCA

Five Salem gardeners will discuss winter phases of rose gardening when the Salem Rose Society meets Thursday night at the YMCA. The ten minute talks will cover rose growing from active work in gardens to inside arm-chair gardening, according to Raymond G. Warren, president of the group.

A goal of 200 members has been

set by the society for the coming year, and will promote rose gardening in the Salem area. The meeting will be held on the second floor of the YMCA at 8 p.m.

Jerry Bachle Heads Scout Honor Group

Jerry Bachle of Salem troop 4 was elected president of the Order of the Arrow, senior scouting group, at the organization's week-end Smith creek hike, Martin Mockford, assistant scout executive, said Monday.

Lawrence Hobart of Explorer post 88, Silverton, is the new vice-president; Wayne Mercer, Four Corners troop 64, secretary, and Richard Easton, Salem Explorer post 17, treasurer.

A board of five directors, one from each district, was elected. Richard Wyatt, Salem air squadron 1, was selected from the Cherry City district; Allen Oppinger, Independence troop 27, Polk district; Milton St. John, Gervais troop 54, Silver Falls district; Jimmy Cook, troop 49, Mill City, Marion district, and Kenneth Sims, troop 51, Lebanon, Calapooia district.

JP Association Elects Officers

All officers of the Oregon Association of Justices of the Peace and Constables were re-elected at a Sunday meeting in the office of Justice Joseph B. Felton at Salem, and a legislative committee was appointed.

The re-elected officers are G. W. Thiessen, Milwaukie, president; M. L. Boyd, Newberg, vice president; T. H. Arestad, Canby, secretary-treasurer. Justice Felton was appointed chairman of the legislative committee.

Members are Alf O. Nelson of Silverton, Walter Bell of Stayton, C. W. Thiessen of Milwaukie and Constable Earl Adams of Salem.

Pilot Turns Obstetrician

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—(P)—An airline pilot turned obstetrician Saturday and delivered a baby in the air somewhere between Miami and Puerto Rico, an airline official said here tonight.

An official of the American air export-cargo company said the pilot, Kenneth Stockman of Sacramento, Calif., took charge of the birth of a baby to an unnamed Puerto Rican woman. The plane had left Miami at 6 a.m. (EST) the official said, and was two hours southeast of Miami, over Andros island, when the child was born.

At Miami the American air export-import company said the child had been named Aaeico Vega in honor of the line.

Harry Filer of Miami was co-pilot of the plane. The hostess was Eileen Heybaer of Bay City, Mich.

STOLEN CAR RECOVERED A car owned by Howard Schutz, Aurora, stolep-Friday, was recovered Saturday evening by city police of Walla Walla, Wash., the Marion county sheriff's office reports it has been notified. Condition of the auto was not learned last night.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE MUTUAL FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF SALEM, OREGON, will be held at the office of the company at 142 South Liberty Street, Salem, Oregon, on Wednesday, January 15th, 1947, at 7:30 P. M. of said day for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

All members are requested to be present. B. KEELER, Secretary. J 7-14

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Enterprise Linn County Publication

Legal publication of the Mill City Enterprise weekly publication, is in Linn county despite that its newspapers are deposited in the Mill City postoffice which is in Marion county, Attorney General George Neuner held here Monday. The opinion was requested by district attorney Miller D. Hayden of Marion county.

Neuner said the newspaper is made up and printed in Linn county. Mill City is located on the Marion-Linn county line.

In another opinion, Neuner held that justice court verdicts in criminal cases must be unanimous while in civil cases three-fourths of the jury may render a verdict. This opinion was sought by district attorney Lenald S. Duncan of Harney county.

Road Hearings Begin Today

Thirty-four petitions to oil 120 miles of county roads north of Silverton road, including roads on 401 to 478 and several market roads will be presented to the county court today, according to Roy Rice, county commissioner, who said that hearings will begin at 10 a.m.

Hearings to continue through Thursday, will require 177 miles of road oiling throughout the county. Wednesday oil on roads south of Silverton road will be considered and all roads within a three-mile radius of Salem will be considered on Thursday.

Egyptologist to Talk at U. of O.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Jan. 13—Dr. Henri Frankfort, professor of Egyptology at the orientalist institute of the University of Chicago, will present five daily talks January 20 to 24 in the University of Oregon lecture series. It was announced this week by Dr. Rudolph H. Ernst, professor of English and chairman of the lecture series committee. Dr. Frankfort will address students, faculty members and townspeople on Egyptian religions.

Arizona's vividly banded earth of yellow, red, magenta and mauve sands beneath an azure sky, extends for 300 miles along the north bank of the Little Colorado river.

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Newcastle Disease Over-Talked, Dr. Dickson Tells Veterinarians

SILVERTON, Jan. 13—That the Newcastle disease in poultry is not so much a menace in Oregon as publicity would have producers believe, was the opinion expressed by Dr. E. M. Dickson, Oregon State college, Saturday, as he addressed the 55 veterinarians gathered at Silverton for their first quarterly meeting of the year. Arrangements for the meeting were made by Dr. E. L. Henkel, Silverton. Wives were entertained during the day by Mrs. Henkel and the women joined the men at the noon dinner served by the Silverton Cafe at the chamber of commerce rooms. Dr. Norman Johnson, Beaverton, presided at the sessions.

Dr. Dickson told that not one case of poultry illness in Oregon had been diagnosed definitely as Newcastle, adding that the reason was likely that Oregon is an exporting rather than an importing state so far as poultry is concerned. There are 29 states re-exporting Newcastle cases, and two have been found in Seattle, he added.

Others appearing on the program were Dr. W. E. Ward of Bend, who spoke on distemper and variations of indigestion in saddle horses and told of modern methods of treating these; Dr. Andrew Lloyd, Tillamook, who dealt with founder in dairy cattle; Dr. W. H. Anderson, Salem, who discussed the maintenance of blood banks for small animals, and the report of Dr. S. M. Shaw of Corvallis on the December meeting of the federal livestock sanitation association in Chicago.

Amendments Legislation to be introduced both in the present session and the one two years hence was discussed. Emphasis was laid on the Veterinarian Practice Act, with favor expressed on this year's legislation proposing amendment to provide more stringent prosecution of violators. Aimed at were both the non-professionals, who accept fees for treating farm animals, and the graduate veterinarian, who carries on his work in a non-professional manner.

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