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## Oil and Politics

Oil and water do not mix but oil and politics appear to have peculiar affinity for each other. That fact has often been observed on local scenes; it now appears at international levels. The investigation launched by Senator Owen Brewster of Maine, which has resulted in the employment of ex-Senator Wheeler of Montana as committee counsel, may make some rather startling revelations as to the inter-play of oil and politics in the middle east.

For example there is the fascinating story of the oil wealth of Saudi Arabia and of how the allied nations kept King Ibn Saud satisfied during the war years. When the war cut off the pilgrimages of Mohammedans to Mecca the king lost the revenues which previously had come to his treasury. He thereupon demanded \$6,000,000 from the oil companies to whom he had given concessions. They had already made heavy investments in their enterprise including advances on royalties to the king, but were afraid of meeting this new demand which they thought might be spent to finance campaigns against the Jews in Palestine. Appeal was made to President Roosevelt, but he was unwilling to have the United States make the advance. Finally it was arranged so the money was paid by Britain, perhaps out of an American loan. Mints in the United States coined silver money and American planes delivered it to King Saud.

At one time too Secretary Ickes was hot for financing a pipeline across the Arabian peninsula. Under terms of his contract the government was to get its petroleum products at a discount of 25 per cent. This was never approved by the congress. Now the private companies are financing several pipelines from the oil fields to the Mediterranean.

The charges of profiteering against the Arabian-American Oil Co. are made by James A. Moffett, former head of the subsidiaries operating the oil fields in the middle east. He fell out with his former employers and has suits pending against them now, a fact which must be remembered in considering his charges. Regardless of the accusations Moffett makes against the oil companies the fact remains that Arabia floats in a sea of oil. Estimates of its oil reserves now run to 10 or 20 billion barrels. No matter who owns or claims that oil it becomes a factor in the game of high politics. The middle east long was strategic because it dominated the sea route between Europe and Asia. Now its importance is enhanced because of the stores of petroleum under its surface. To retain access to that huge pool, to keep possible enemies away from it becomes a major problem of political strategy on the international chessboard.

In view of these facts no realist will take the Truman doctrine of "aid to free peoples everywhere" (including Greece and Turkey) at its face value. Senator Brewster links the plea for aid to Greece and Turkey with strategic defense of oil for the U. S. navy and airforce; only he thinks if we are putting in hundreds of millions for a military dike in which to contain the oil we should be able to get the oil at less than \$1.05 a barrel. Some one has noted this is a new Arabian nights story—the 1001st perhaps. Again Aladdin's lamp is rubbed, and this time oil gushes forth in tremendous volume. And Mr. Moffett insists on a reprint of the story of Ali Baba and the forty thieves! As to that we must await the evidence.

## Out of the Tanglefoot

The city dads did a pretty good job of getting their feet out of the tanglefoot on the parking meter deal. It looked for a time as though the city would come out some \$10,000 or more behind as a result of cancelling the contract for meters. Now, when the company holding the contract has come through with definite promise to rush installation, with a penalty accruing for each day's default, the affair parking meter seems about ready to tie up as completed business.

People can argue over the relative merits of manual and automatic machines and the quality of the various types that are offered; but the battle was well fought over in the old council and a contract awarded. The only reason for cancelling that contract was failure to give timely performance. But whatever time is lost is beyond recall. With a fresh and firm guarantee of prompt delivery the council acted wisely in reinstating the contract.

While in the end the council did not accept the recommendation of the city manager who preferred another device, that should not be disturbing. The final responsibility rests with the council; and it was the duty of the council to vote its honest judgment even if that meant passing over the manager's recommendation. We must not expect the council to be a rubber stamp of the manager or the manager to be a rubber stamp for the mayor or council.

Salem citizens hope that this marks an end to a long controversy, and that soon the inanimate coin collectors will be doing their stuff for Salem.

The Eugene Register-Guard in discussing some local problems, says: "Take out your pencils and do some simple arithmetic. In the old days of classes in 'mental arithmetic' no pencils were needed. Now we reach for an adding machine."

In 1946 the average yield per colony of bees was 29 pounds, while for the preceding year the yield was 37 pounds per colony. Don't scold the bees. They were merely copying the performance of their two-legged masters.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times thinks it will be interesting if Hawaii is made a state to see its congressmen dressed up in grass skirts. Dittle if we admit some of these Pacific islands and they send a sarong-clad woman to congress.

In the past it has been said of the Oregon legislature that after organization, party lines were forgotten and the assembly operated on a non-partisan basis. That is true again this year. The democrats have been as bad as the republicans.

Seam-free nylon hose is offered. That will relieve the girls of a worry as great as their grandmothers had in the days of the old back-placket skirt. Remember the poem: "And she felt the dress at the back?"

For a good-sized segment of the population life again becomes interesting. Baseball leagues are resuming play. Early reports indicate the Portland Beavers will equal last year's record.

Johnny Evers, long ago elevated to the ranks of baseball's immortals, is dead at the age of 65, and the news excites many memories among men whose fringe of hair is grey.

A first edition copy of "Alice in Wonderland" brought \$4,800 at a London auction. The fact might be added to the book's grand tales.

Add Lebanon to the list of junior cities getting parking meters. Ho, hum!

## IT SEEMS TOMORROW

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they are showup. Everyone knew the bill was due to pass. Everyone knew that the people would have the last say. Senator Fatland, committee chairman, contented himself largely with explaining the bill and the thought of the committee that sales tax would meet the financial crisis. Senator Hillon justified his reversal of position on the ground that this bill exempted food, and that people now were able to pay the tax. Senator Marsh defended it on the ground that additional revenues were needed and that since the plan of the tax study commission had been rejected this was the only alternative. Senator Ellis supported the bill because he believes in a general sales tax. Senator Pearson attacked the bill with statistics urging that it would impose a heavy burden on 100,000 family units below the income tax-paying level. Senator Mahoney offered to wager the bill would be turned down by a bigger vote than in 1945.

It was different in 1933. I well recall the stirring debates in the senate on the sales tax measure. At a special session at the beginning of January Governor Meier urged a sales tax. It was defeated in the senate 15 to 13 on a Saturday night. Monday the regular session convened and the battle for a sales tax was renewed. Looking over our files for 1933 I was struck by the similarity of arguments on the sales tax issue, then and now—and by the change of senators taking part in the debates. Of those mentioned only Peter Zimmerman, Henry Hess and Harry Corbett are still alive. Others Woodward of Portland, Burke, Staples, Strayer, Upton, Goss have passed from the scene.

The controversy in 1933 brought about a sharp break between Governor Meier and the left-wingers who had supported him in 1930. Burke and Sam Brown deserted him.

The debate was acrimonious. Burke declared that what the state needed was a capital levy, words with a sinister sound in 1933. Strayer, the Statesman report says, "gave a furious oration against the tax, holding it was unjust and inequitable." I recall he bitterly denounced Governor Meier for sponsoring a sales tax. Zimmerman is credited with making an "impassioned attack on the bill," while venerable Ike Staples, who had lost valuable timber holdings under the burden of heavy property taxes, made a plea for a sales tax.

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## Public Records

**PROBATE COURT**  
Marcelino N. Ducusin estate: Final hearing set May 10.  
Fred A. Minzenmier estate: Final hearing set May 5.  
Elma Baxter estate: Final order.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Jessie Mae Jackson vs. Francis John Jackson: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment; married April 14, 1944, at Salinas, Calif.  
Joseph B. Smith vs. Dorothy B. Smith: Suit for divorce charging desertion; married July 30, 1940, at Vancouver, Wash.  
Ella Hixson vs. John Hixson: Order of default.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Paul Gilmer, 20, bookkeeper, and Beverly Hoffine, 18, stenographer, both of Salem.  
Ellis Britton, 45, farmer, and Elsie Jackson, 40, housewife, both of Salem.  
Peter O. Boren, farmer, Beaver Creek, and Lily Turnball, Portland.  
Fred Laester, 64, farmer, Walla Walla, and Harriet M. Morrison, 54, housewife, Salem.

**JUSTICE COURT**  
Willard L. Croker, Turner, failure to stop at stop sign, \$2.50 fine suspended upon payment of costs.  
Berland Rauk and Randall Rauk, both of 1334 N. Summer st., and Glenn D. Rice, 405 Marion st., all pleaded guilty to charge of disorderly conduct, each fined \$25 and costs.

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Jack L. Greiner, 3495 Silverton rd., violation of anti-noise ordinance, posted \$5 bail.  
Darel F. Jones, 396 Hoyt st., violation of anti-noise ordinance, pleaded innocent, released on \$15 bail, trial set for April 10.  
Gordon Sisk, 650 Edina lane, violation of anti-noise ordinance, fined \$5; driving while driver's license revoked, fined \$25.  
H. P. McAuley, Hillsboro, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.  
Beatrice A. Maxwell, 704 N. Cottage st., illegal reverse turn, fined \$2.50.  
Bruce G. Adams, 2605 Maple ave., failure to stop, fined \$2.50.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"That profit sharing plan the company is offering us might be a capitalistic scheme to get us to assume some of their worries, gentis!"

Multnomah argued that it would solve the state's urgent financial problem. The bill passed the senate 19 to 11. In the subsequent election on July 21 it was defeated by the people 167,512 to 45,603. Since then the sales tax was defeated in 1935, 1936, 1944 and 1945. The last vote was 96,697 for to 269,276 against.

## Next They'll Be Asking Pay For Breathing

HOLLYWOOD, April 3-(AP)—Time and a half for overtime—even for \$5000 a week Grables and Gables—and work time credit when being interviewed (even about one's own life, loves and laurels) are among the advantages actors want now.

The Screen Actors' Guild 10-year contract with the studios expires May 15. The SAG's 8500 members have been called to a meeting April 9 to discuss the new demands, which also include:

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**ASTORIA HIGH SCHOOL BAND**  
ASTORIA, April 3-(P)-Appointment of Harold J. Withnell, former Coquille city school music supervisor, as music supervisor and band director at Astoria high school was announced today. Astoria high has never before had a band.

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Cerretelli Red Chili Beans	White, 1 lb. 35c
1-lb. can 15c	Farm Fresh EGGS
Great Northern Large White BEANS	lge. Doz. 49c
2-lbs. 35c	46-Oz. Can Any Brand
Preferred Stock SHORTENING	Tomato Juice, 25c
3 lbs. \$1.39	M C P PUDDINGS
Campbell's BABY SOUPS	3 for 25c
Each 5c	COMB HONEY
CIGARETTES Popular Brands	1-lb., 45c
Carton \$1.39	Matmor RIPE OLIVES
Sea Haven Pink Salmon	7½-oz. can 25c
½-Size 29c	WALNUTS IN SHELL
Natur Sweet PEACHES	1-lb. 29c
2½-Size 25c	Southern Beauty APRICOTS
	2½-Size 25c

## Early Spray May be Lost On Fruit Fly

Cautioning against spraying too early to combat cherry fruit fly, state and county agricultural officials yesterday stated that continuation of the cherry fruit fly control program appeared assured this season.

Back from a control program planning session in Corvallis, D. L. Rasmussen, assistant Marion

county agent, pointed out that last year considerable labor and materials were wasted in the county by misinformed cherry growers who sprayed too early. Entomologist S. C. Jones of Oregon State college reminded that last year the first flies did not emerge until May 28 although once, in 1934, emergence was as early as May 14.

Jones advised cherry growers to wait until officially publicized spray notices are given by the state this year.

OSC ENROLLMENT SOARS  
CORVALLIS, April 3-(P)-Oregon State college spring regis-

## Helicopter in Use By Portland Paper

PORTLAND, April 3-(P)-A helicopter, to be manned by a pilot-reporter and used for news and photographic coverage, arrived at the Oregon Journal today.

The machine will be kept atop the Journal's new building on the waterfront.

ration mounted to 54 per cent above last year today, and officials predicted the total would reach nearly 7000.

# You, Too Can Have a Magic Wand --

It's easy to transform dingy, tiresome rooms and faded furniture into a bright background for summer, to give your house a new, clean, well-cared-for look inside and outside... and it costs so little! At Keith Brown's paint department you'll find a full selection of paints for every purpose in a glowing array of colors. Sound advice is yours for the asking.

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