

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sroog

The Oregonian proposes to speed up construction of the new road up the Columbia by making the section from Hood River to The Dalles a toll road.

The newspaper says that at the present rate of construction, it will take 15 years before this important highway is built.

Recalling the toll bridges on the Oregon coast highway one wonders if the toll really would be imposed.

I realize how burdensome the early road debt was, but it paid for itself, and new roads of modern design would do the same.

The reconstruction of the Columbia river highway is probably the most urgent need in the state, and 15 years is too long to wait for the improvement.

State Reports Sub-Standard Butter Sold

PORTLAND, June 20-(AP)—The state department of agriculture reported today that 50 out of 80 brands of butter being sold in Oregon as Grade A do not meet Grade A standards.

The department's publication, "Agriculture Bulletin," said that 46 supposedly "Grade A" brands scored only as Grade B, three as Grade C, and one as "no grade."

A department of agriculture official here said the department was working with the dairy industry to improve butter quality.

The scoring is based on such factors as flavor and yeastiness and is done periodically by a board of six. Grade A butter must have a score of 92, Grade B 90 to 92, and Grade C 88 to 90.

City Purchases New Equipment

A special tractor-loader, built for construction uses, is now in operation by the city engineering department on street improvement work near the Waters field ball park.

The \$5,600 piece of equipment can be fitted with a small bulldozer crane or with a loading scoop which lifts, carries and deposits dirt or stone.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Gosh, people are always at picnics."

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Labor Bill Veto Awaits Test in Senate

Death Takes Former Willamette President

Bishop Bruce Richard Baxter, former president of Willamette university and prominent throughout the west as a Methodist churchman and educator, died of a sudden heart attack Friday night in Portland.

Bishop Baxter had conducted sessions of the Oregon Methodist conference in Portland during the day. He noted a pain in his chest while walking home from the final session, collapsed upon reaching home and died within an hour.

Funeral services will be held at the First Methodist church in Portland Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery at Los Angeles.

After six years as president of Willamette university here, Dr. Baxter had become Methodist Bishop for the Portland area in July, 1940. He had remained in close touch with the local university since, as a member of the board of trustees.

Surviving the bishop are his wife who was with him at the time of his death and his mother, Mrs. John Baxter of Hollywood, Calif.

Generally credited with much of the modern-day expansion and high standards attained by Willamette university, Dr. Baxter was elected by its trustees July 29, 1934, to succeed the retired Dr. C. Gregg Doney as Willamette president. At that time Dr. Baxter was already known to Salem from his appearances as a university lecturer and a guest pastor in First Methodist church.

Dean of Religion School He came to Willamette from the University of Southern California where he had served over a 10-year period as dean of the school of religion, assistant to the president, chaplain and professor of homiletics.

A native of Rock Run, Ohio, Dr. Baxter had taken his undergraduate work at Oberlin college, Ohio, graduating in 1915 and in the following year attaining a master's degree and Phi Beta Kappa honors in Oberlin's graduate school of theology.

He became a bachelor of sacred theology at Boston university in 1917 and a year later was ordained in the ministry of the Methodist church. After serving as field secretary for the Methodist centenary movement and for the inter-church world movement, he joined the faculty of Morehead college, Ohio, as professor of English Bible.

Bishop Baxter held honorary doctorates from Boston university, Willamette university, College of the Pacific, Whitman college, Chapman college, Los Angeles College of Osteopathy and College of Puget Sound. He was a trustee of, besides Willamette, the Iliff School of Theology, Denver; the Pacific School of Religion and the College of Puget Sound.

He had traveled extensively. News of his election as Willamette president reached him in South Africa during a trip that had also included South America. Previously he had made a trip around the world, a visit to South Sea islands and a tour as faculty advisor with a university baseball team in the Orient. He spent the summer of 1925 as preacher at Highbury Quadrant church in London, England.

The widow was Martha Harold when she married Dr. Baxter in 1924. They had no children.

Bid on Prison Cell Block Low

The state board of control Friday received a low bid 29 per cent below its estimated cost for necessary steel and construction supervision of a proposed new cell block at Oregon state penitentiary.

In a Monday meeting the control board and the state emergency board will consider seven bids for the estimated \$350,000 project, including the \$249,750 bid of VanDorn Iron works of Columbus, Ohio. High bid was \$474,500, submitted by King Brothers firm of Portland. Other bids, between \$261,000 and \$319,615, were from out of state firms.

It is planned that most construction work will be done by prison inmates. The proposed cell block would contain 400 cells for single occupancy.

Rain Aids Morse Leads Delaying Action; House Votes to Over-ride Veto

By Little L. Madsen Farm Editor, The Statesman

With clouds still hovering about statistics issued by the U. S. department of agriculture, the weather bureau and other farm groups Friday, indicate that the rain has done much more good than harm in an overall picture.

Sweet cherries is the one crop reported practically a complete loss in all Willamette valley counties. Sour cherries have been injured by the rains but the set was small in the beginning.

Some loss was suffered by strawberry growers on the valley floor, but growers in the hill sections say that the prolonged season brought on by the rain, probably more than made up for any earlier loss to them.

Grains and pastures, including meadows, were greatly improved. A few heavy vetch crops were brought down by the rains. Small amounts of hay had been cut.

Aphids had started heavy infestations on spring barley, yellowing considerable foliage. Rains washed these off and barley is showing improvement. Spring oats are heading out in good shape and fall wheat and barley are both well-headed in the valley.

Pastures improved 75 per cent and livestock is gaining. Hops are making good growth. Flax is in full bloom with the crop "made" by the rains.

Harvest of peas, lettuce, beets and carrots is underway with good crops indicated from all sections. Greatest growth made was in the weed crop, farmers are reporting.

CORN AT RECORD HIGH CHICAGO, June 20-(AP)—Corn futures established a record high on the board of trade today but closed lower on late selling. July corn hit \$2.06 1/4 a bushel, beating the former peak of \$1.99 1/4 made in July, 1919.

He believed the objection was based on an idea that such a shelter would be a temporary "shack" and that the drawings as submitted by the bus company gave a different angle to the proposal.

The bus company does not have a city franchise, Franzen said, expressing the opinion that it should have one because it had a heavy investment in the line, and was entitled to protection of that investment. On the other hand he said the city needed the franchise in order to make regulations governing the bus line.

Eight city bus schedules would be taken off downtown streets and with but minor exceptions would have to make no left hand turns in the downtown area, Franzen said in citing advantages of the proposed plan. The proposed centralized bus terminal would not interfere with the four lanes of traffic on High street, and if put into effect the width of the sidewalk on the east side of the street will not be changed, Franzen said. The proposed shelter would occupy space between the sidewalk and the curb.

The city manager was introduced by Albert Gilie, city councilman. The meeting was attended by several business men who do not attend the weekly luncheon regularly, evidently attracted by the subject to be discussed. Franzen said he had discussed the plan with representatives of 11 women's organizations recently and asked for any other wishes to discuss the matter to confer with him.

Message Labels Bill 'Dangerous, Drastic'

WASHINGTON, June 20-(AP)—A little band of senators talked far into the night tonight in an effort to kill the Taft-Hartley labor bill, which President Truman vetoed earlier in the day, while G.O.P. served notice they would continue the session for days if necessary to force a showdown.

Senator Taylor (D-Idaho), known as "The Singing Cowboy," led off the talkathon with a wide and apparently endless variety of topics ranging from the bill itself to the poverty of his early career and an attack on Wall Street.

Taylor, a former roadshow actor, announced that he would continue to talk on and on until the senate recessed and then again "when we convene tomorrow."

By this delaying strategy, Taylor, supported by Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), Senator Morse (R-Ore.) and other foes of the labor-curbing bill apparently hoped to stave off at least a quick vote on the veto and perhaps pick up enough second-thought support to uphold the veto.

Previously, GOP leaders and some democrats had sought agreement to vote at 4 p. m. (E.S.T.) tomorrow, but Morse blocked that move.

Morse and Pepper indicated they intend to keep the debate going if possible until the country has had time to react to President Truman's veto message and his radio speech tonight.

As midnight approached, Taylor had been talking for more than four hours with little or no sign of weakening. About 1:30 a. m. E.D.T., Taylor remarked that Senator Morse had assured him he was ready to take over the debate when Taylor desired to quit.

Morse might as well take nap: Taylor "He might as well go take a nap of a few hours," the Idahoan remarked. "I'm in no distress whatever. Sleep well!"

This was the order of events in a breath-taking afternoon and evening: 1. The president's veto message, more blistering than any he ever wrote before, was read at noon (EST) to the house and greeted with GOP boos. Mr. Truman blasted the bill as "dangerous" and "drastic," "backward" and "burdensome," "unworkable" and "impossible."

2. Quickly, without debate, the house voted to override and enact the bill despite the president by a margin of nearly 4 to 1, where 2 to 1 was needed.

3. Mr. Truman called to the White House for lunch and for parley a dozen senators previously for the bill whose votes he thought could prove decisive. Only one, Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), announced afterwards he would change his position and uphold the veto. Two said definitely they still would vote to override, and the rest made no commitments.

4. A group of the bill's foes launched a last-ditch stand in the senate to prevent any immediate vote lest that chamber, too, override the veto and make the bill law at last.

5. Then Mr. Truman said his final say of the busy day, over all major networks.

6. Taft went on the Mutual network half an hour later with his answer to the president's veto message.

In the veto message, more vehement even than those Mr. Truman delivered against the tax cut, the first O.P.A. extension and the Case labor bill of last year, he declared: "The Taft-Hartley measure 'would cause more strikes, not fewer.' It would 'plague this nation for years to come.' It would be 'a clear threat to the successful working of our democratic society.'"

Rept. Ellisworth, Norblad and Stockman voted against the veto while Rept. Angell voted to sustain it.

Truman Stand Misrepresents Bill, Says Taft

WASHINGTON, June 20-(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) charged tonight that President Truman had "completely misrepresented" the character of the Taft-Hartley labor bill in his veto, overridden by the house earlier in the day.

Answering Mr. Truman's contention in a radio address a few minutes earlier that the labor dispute measure was a "shocking piece of legislation," Taft said in a radio talk delivered from the Capitol building that Mr. Truman had attempted to set his judgment up over house Democrats.

The Ohio senator, one of the authors of the bill, asserted that the house Democrats had showed what they thought of the president's judgment by overriding his veto 106 to 71.

Observing that congress had studied the labor question for five months, Taft asserted: "The president attempts in 10 days, three or four of them spent in Canada, to put his judgment over the majority of congress."

Declaring that the president appeared not to find "a single good provision" in the bill, Taft said Mr. Truman had "adopted the prejudiced argument of the labor leaders." He charged, as he had previously in the senate, that the veto message had followed the point by point outline of a previous opposition statement by Les Pressman, CIO general counsel.

Committee Seeks To Halt Shipment Of Oil to Russians

WASHINGTON, June 20-(AP) A house armed services subcommittee will ask officials of the office of international trade "why further shipments of oil to Russia should not be stopped," Chairman Shafer (R-Mich) said today.

He said a reporter he called the hearing for tomorrow because of the loading of soviet oil tankers on the west coast. Several congressmen have protested in the house about the shipments.

"We don't want to repeat the sending of oil, scrap metal and other strategic supplies to potential enemies, as we did before Pearl Harbor," Shafer said.

He also said he has received a report from the navy that its supply of oil is "very low."

Bugsie Siegel, Gambler, Killed BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., (Saturday) June 21-(AP)—Ben Siegel, 41, identified by the office of Coroner Ben Brown as Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel, gambler and once listed as a public enemy, was shot and killed about midnight last night as he sat in his home reading a newspaper, Police Capt. William W. White reported.

White, head of the Beverly Hills police department detective division, said Siegel had been shot six times.

The shots, he said, were fired through a window by an unidentified assailant or assailants.

Siegel was well-known in Hollywood circle and an intimate friend of George Raft, the movie actor.

He was manager of the new \$2,000,000 Flamingo gambling hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

WEST SALEM PAPER DRIVE WEST SALEM, June 20—West Salem Boy Scouts will conduct a waste paper campaign Saturday, June 28. Persons with paper to be picked up are asked to call the city hall or W. C. Heise, Boy Scout committee chairman.

GREECE TO PUBLICIZE LOAN WASHINGTON, June 20-(AP) Greece promised today to do her part toward giving full publicity to the \$300,000,000 American aid program, both in Greece and in the United States.

BOX CARS AVAILABLE PORTLAND, Ore., June 20-(AP) Railroad spokesmen said today the northwest's box car outlook was more favorable now than during last year's wheat harvest season.

Mosquito Control Expert To Hear Salem Problem A mosquito control expert from Oregon State college faculty is due here today to confer with City Manager J. L. Franzen and Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion county health officer, on the mosquito situation in Salem as depicted by Alderman Howard Maple at the June 9 city council meeting.

The expert, who had extensive experience with the army mosquito control program during the war, was invited to come here by Dr. Stone and Franzen.

THEATRE FOR STAYTON PORTLAND, June 20-(AP)—The office of the housing expediter at Washington has denied the Star theatre's application to build a \$42,000 theatre at Stayton.

Franzen Talks of Temporary Bus Terminal at Courthouse

By Marguerite Gleason Staff Writer, The Statesman

The proposed centralized city bus terminal on High street between State and Court streets may be tried on a temporary basis starting early in July and if it proves successful then the proposed shelter may be built before the rains start in late August or early September.

This was the statement of J. L. Franzen, Salem city manager, before Salem Credit association Friday noon in the association's lunch room.

The bus company did not like the proposal at first, Franzen said, but later came forward with the plan whereby it would construct a shelter.

The city manager described the shelter as a metal-roofed structure which would drain toward the center thus obviating the dripping on persons waiting, would have a back constructed of glass and tile on the side facing the courthouse and the front open, with three openings in the rear.

The structure would extend only to certain specified safe distance from the Court and State street ends to give a clear view for traffic on both streets. The entire plan would be based on an agreement between the city and the bus company which could be canceled on 60 or 90 days' notice, Franzen said.

The county court opposed the project at first but is inclined to feel differently now, Franzen said. In answer to questions he

Bonnie Klein Heads Council

CORVALLIS, June 20—Bonnie Klein, Aumsville, has been elected president of the girls' executive council at the 1947 4-H club summer school at Oregon State college. The executive council is composed of the presidents chosen by the groups of girls quartered in each of the dormitories and sorority houses.

Other members of the girls' council from Marion county include: Joyce Kuenzi, Salem, route 7; Darlene Klein, Salem, route 3; Polk county is represented by Margaret Stump, Monmouth; Linn county by Delores Welch and Elaine Guggisberg, Lebanon, Virginia; Nicholas, Halsey, and Donna Davis, Shedd.

Members of the boys' executive council include Floyd Fox, Jr., Silverton; George Warmington, McMinnville; Wayne Fleming, Monmouth, and Richard Pickrel, Turner.

Stanard Named To Inspector Post

Appointment of R. W. Stanard, Salem, as supervisor of the federal-state shipping point inspection district, was announced by the state agricultural department Friday.

He succeeds Ben Davidson, supervisor in the central Oregon area for the past six years who has accepted a position with the Pacific Supply Cooperative at Redmond. Stanard has been with the shipping point service here since 1939.

'Shocking Piece Of Legislation', Says President

WASHINGTON, June 20-(AP)—President Truman tonight denounced the Taft-Hartley labor control bill as "a shocking piece of legislation," a few hours after the house overwhelmingly rejected his veto of the controversial measure.

In a denunciation which rivaled his 3,500-word veto message, the president declared the Republican-sponsored bill was "deliberately designed to weaken labor unions," and that its enactment would "undermine our national policy of collective bargaining."

He told the people in a broadcast carried by all the major networks that he would have signed a bill even with "some doubtful features" if, taken as a whole, "it had been a good bill."

But the Taft-Hartley legislation, he declared, "is bad for labor, bad for management, bad for the country." He said there is still time for enactment at this session of "progressive, constructive legislation" correcting abuses, but he added "for the sake of the future of this nation, I hope that this bill will not become a law."

The president declared that the measure he vetoed would not prevent or settle a strike in the coal industry, asserting that "the most that could be accomplished" under that "complicated procedure" would be the postponement of a strike from July until October.

Blasting the measure as "unfair to the working people of this country," the president continued: "It clearly abuses the right, which millions of our citizens now enjoy, to join together and bargain with their employers for fair wages and fair working conditions," he said.

Asserting that "this is no innocent bill," he said its restrictions against labor "go far beyond what our people have been led to believe."

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'Warmer' Forecast Grets Summer

Summer begins officially today with a weather bureau prediction of "fair and warmer" for the western part of the state on the longest day of the year.

Afternoon temperatures will range in the upper 70s, the bureau said, and added — for the statistical minded — that the exact moment summer comes in will be at 10:16 p.m.

Especially favorable weather conditions for all farm work are predicted for the next three days, with no rain in sight, the bureau said.

Our Senators

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