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Problems of Sheepgrowers

Meat rationing loomed as a bogey before the sheepgrowers at the annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers association in Portland last week and its president, Ira D. Staggs of Baker, urged members to "fight the propaganda that is sweeping the country to slap controls on us and get the long nose of government in our business." But as we read down the list of resolutions we wonder if the sheepmen are quite as ruggedly individualistic as their president portrayed. For the wool committee advocated continued price support by government, a "modernized" wool parity program, protective tariffs, support of the wool products labeling act. Resolutions sought better facilities for research at the State college, reserve of wheat for feeding stock and poultry in the northwest and larger state appropriations for predator control. Sometimes the "long nose" of government is wanted, but when it isn't wanted the interests affected cry "bloody murder."

Of course the sheepmen have bitter memories about OPA. In the war years their lamb crop marketing was interfered with, unwisely, to the heavy loss of growers and no benefit to the country. And the sheepgrowers have not had the run of big profits that other farm and livestock groups have enjoyed, so they object to any rationing system which would lower prices on lamb and mutton. The reciprocal tariff program also catches the wool grower through tariff reduction.

The decline of the number of sheep in the state and in the nation has been a matter of concern. Wool production in Oregon has decreased over 50 per cent in the years from 1940 to 1945. It was pointed out, while the national decrease is only 35 per cent. The great decrease in sheep population has been in the range country. Probably the chief reason is that stockmen found cattle raising more profitable than sheep raising. The state's cattle population, particularly beef cattle, increased in the same period. During the war sheepherders were very hard to get and many growers reduced their flocks. Because wool production was well maintained in Australia local wool prices were under pressure and the government has supported the price for several years.

The sheepmen can hardly run with the hares and hunt with the hounds. They cannot with consistency lean on government for price support of wool and resist rationing of meat. Government relations with agriculture and industry are not just a one-way street.

Sheepgrowing is an essential industry and we have faith that it will revive. In western Oregon where small farm flocks prevail the sheep population has been well maintained. Normally the sheep-wool business is more stable than cattle-raising and there may be a shift back to sheep in the range country. With greater attention to selective breeding and better care for sheep growers will still be able to prosper despite the nick in the tariff or fears over rationing.

Forty Billion Dollar Budget

Wars are expensive. That is the first observation one makes in reviewing President Truman's budget of which practically four-fifths goes to pay for past wars, military defense and efforts to prevent future wars. The new budget approximates \$40 billion and is the largest peacetime budget in history. Income is estimated at over \$44 billion, with an estimated surplus to apply on debt of \$4,408,000,000. The surplus estimated for the current year is about \$7.5 billion.

Mingled reactions will greet the new budget. Republicans in congress will no doubt call for cuts, but pressures for maintaining or increasing appropriations will also be heavy. On the whole it may be said that allowances for reclamation and flood control projects seem generous, so the western states will be inclined to support the budget. After the reaction from last year's economy wave against reclamation projects not much cutting will be done this year.

The same day the president's budget was published there also appeared a report of 53 economists, members of a national committee on monetary policy. They recommend "a radical reduction in government expenditures; in particular abandonment of all public works except those of an emergency nature." They are striking at inflation and submit that huge government spending accelerates the spiral of wages and prices, which certainly is true.

From the standpoint of sound public economy government expenditures should be reduced, this third year after the end of the war. And since four-fifths of the budget goes for military expenses, if substantial cuts are to be effected that is the place to start. Unfortunately many of the outlays there are fixed: pensions, hospitalization of veterans, costs under the GI bill. With the world in upset condition this nation dare not lower its guard, though undoubtedly there is tremendous waste in the military establishment.

The procedure now is for committees of congress to determine the overall total to be appropriated. Last year house and senate disagreed and no mark was set up. With more experience in handling appropriation problems the houses may be able to agree this year.

The public, staggered by the totals, strongly urges close scrutiny of all items and curtailment of expense wherever it seems possible.

The Course of True Love . . .

Would fain the bard of Avon were here to pen the tragic tale of royal romance we follow daily in the unrimed and un-metered lines of press dispatches!

To Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma and Michael of Hohenzollern, sometime king of Rumania, the events since they met at Elizabeth's wedding must seem a midwinter nightmare, indeed. How apropos for them the Shakespearean lament:

"Ay me! For aught that I could ever read, could ever hear by tale or history, the course of true love never did run smooth."

Anne has confided to all the world that she is "completely in love" with the handsome young exile. And no unrequited love, that. But prospects for an early "at home" in some little rose-covered chateau are rather dim, at present, and the couple remains suspended in an unearned purgatory.

Not all the world loves a lover—there's the rub. It seems some unsympathetic busybodies have been trying to label Mike as a gaydog who'd toss his kingdom to the wolves while he goes howling after Danish blondes. So it's bachelorhood for Mihai until he gets the communists off his aristocratic back and his entourage of chaperones off his coat-tails. As for Anne—well, she can go home to Mother Margrethe and embroider dish towels for her hope chest.

But there's a glimmer of light throughout the dark tapestry of this epic. Whatever their outcome, Mihai and Anne will join that select company which includes Romeo and Juliet, Anthony and Cleopatra and Edward and Wally who also traveled the uneven course of true, true love.

Maybe some day, the hapless couple will even be immortalized in The American Weekly, alas.

The Ashland Tidings reports that Frank VanDyke will be a candidate for re-election as state representative and comments that he will probably be a candidate for speaker of the house. VanDyke has served in the house through several sessions and is recognized as one of its leaders.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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stimulate new thinking among republicans. Stassen wants a positive, not a negative program. He favors a bipartisan foreign policy which would embrace foreign aid. He proposes a new conference of United Nations in 1950 to strengthen the charter and end the single-power veto.

C. Parmenter, Salem Native, Buried Monday

Final rites for Charles Parmenter, pioneer Salem resident who died Friday at the age of 83 years, were held from Clough-Barrick chapel Monday afternoon.

Parmenter died at 809 N. Commercial st., the same house in which he was born Sept. 13, 1859. He was the son of Charles M. and Hannah Pratt Parmenter. His mother was the daughter of a pioneer Oregon judge, R. P. Boise, and his father was in the early furniture manufacturing business here.

Parmenter was married in 1886 to Susie Dickey of Salem, who survives. For more than 50 years he was a carpenter and was a member of local union 1065. He worked on construction of the old state capitol building and many other outstanding buildings in Salem.

Robert L. Ripley publicized Parmenter in his "Believe It Or Not" feature for planting an oak tree at his home when he was a youth and cutting down the tree 45 years later.

Surviving beside the widow are a nephew, William R. Cornell of Portland. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Lloyd Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery.

Snell on Duty With MC Unit

Dr. William Earl Snell, son of Mrs. Earl Snell and the late governor Earl Snell, will take over duties as medical officer of Salem's marine corps reserve unit at the organization's next drill session Wednesday night at the city airport.

Dr. Snell, formerly a lieutenant junior grade in the navy, recently received his discharge after four years and nine months in navy service. He arrived in Salem before Christmas from San Diego, where he was on the staff of a navy hospital, and recently joined the medical staff at Fairview Home.

Maj. Leonard Hicks, marine reserve commandant in Salem, said that Dr. Snell's papers, transferring him from inactive duty to the reserve, would arrive from Seattle before Wednesday's meeting.

VFW Post Aids 'Dimes' Drive

Members of Marion post 661, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting at the VFW hall Monday night, voted to contribute proceeds from a post-sponsored dance at the Crystal Gardens sometime in January to the "March of Dimes" infantile paralysis campaign.

District Commander Virgil Bolton, Salem, was among guests at the meeting. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the business session.

The post received a letter of thanks from the Navajo Indians of New Mexico for a shipment of 4,500 cans of food sent there by the post recently.

Ross Estate Near Closing

The \$253,565 estate of the late Custer E. Ross, Salem attorney who died last August 31, will come up for final accounting February 16, according to a Marion county probate court order issued Monday.

A report on the final account, filed by William J. Busick, administrator, shows that disbursements to heirs have been made. A legacy of \$10,000 each was made to Margaret Ross Lewelling, daughter, and Daniel Harding Ross, a son, both of Salem, and Douglas McKenzie Ross, another son, in Shanghai, China.

After a federal estate tax of \$51,380 and a state inheritance tax of \$8,120, the residue of the estate is bequeathed to the widow, Virginia M. Ross of Salem.

Duniway Files
State Rep. Robert E. Duniway, Portland republican, Monday filed from the 13th district, which includes only Multnomah county. He seeks a four-year term.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Our scientists waste time on atom bombs, when they could be developing a good domestic caviar—and free us of our dependence on Russia."

Belgrano Sees Depression, War As Alternatives to Marshall Plan

Worldwide economic depression or a third world war are the only alternatives to United States support for rebuilding western Europe through the Marshall plan, it was declared before Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday by Frank N. Belgrano, jr., president of the First National Bank of Portland.

The banker endorsed "full aid" to Europe, and Asia as well, asserting that "the cost of contemplated help for Europe is only nickels and dimes compared with the cost of a shooting war with American lives at stake."

The speaker maintained that American "squabbles" over the amount of aid to Europe are Russia's greatest allies at present and that the Russian gamble is "that we'll get tired of high taxes and quit." Belgrano gave the opinion that Russia's and her satellites' withdrawal from the conference on the Marshall plan aid to Europe amounted to a declaration of "moral, economic and political war."

"American prosperity during 1948," the banker predicted, "is tied to the European and Asiatic situation because our prosperity is dependent on the well-being of all the nations of those continents." He said he considered business opportunities greater in Oregon than in California, from where he came six months ago to head the First National banking system of this state. He said the entire west now has a market large enough to attract industries, and urged local businessmen to welcome and to find ways and means to insure employment for newcomers in the population. In this connection, Belgrano urged general support for harnessing more water power and extending irrigation.

Also speaking at the meeting was Maj. Leonard G. Hicks, commander of Salem's marine reserve unit and a civic committee headed by Clarence Shrock are striving for 36 more recruits to fill the unit's strength by the end of this month.

Sidewalk Barker Intices People to 'Go to the Dogs'

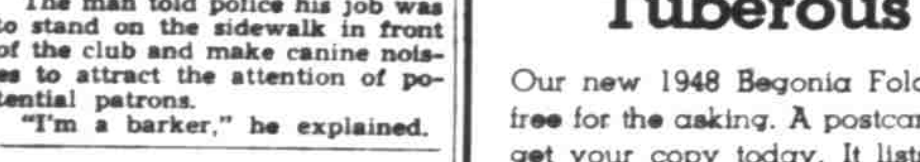
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 12 (AP)—Police patrol cars received this call from their radio dispatcher tonight: "Investigate immediately a man barking at the Dog House."

Officers found the report to be founded on fact. A man was barking—and loudly—out front of the French Quarter night club known as the Dog House.

The man told police his job was to stand on the sidewalk in front of the club and make canine noises to attract the attention of potential patrons.

"I'm a barker," he explained.

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South County Roads in Use; Repairs Made

Travel over county roads in the south end of Marion county, closed during the recent floods, has been restored, while roads in the county's north section are being hastily repaired, County Commissioner Roy Rice said Monday.

Commissioner Rice estimated the damage done to county roads by local rains this season to be considerably less than the \$81,000 damage which resulted last year during high water.

The Clear Lake road is closed near Lakebrook hop yard because of damage done but is expected to be open soon. A washed-out 18-foot bridge on the Spong's Landing road west of Keizer school has closed that road to all but foot travel, but a bridge crew expects to have a new bridge built there by next week.

Open again Monday was the St. Paul-Newberg highway. But all three of Marion county's ferries crossing the Willamette river at Independence, Wheatland and Buena Vista were still not running because of high water.

The Lumker bridge is open to traffic with a 15-ton load limit, Rice said, after county crews over the weekend installed new wooden approaches.

One Dish Meals Swegle Subject Of Discussion

SWEGLE — Mrs. Boyd Wilkinson and Mrs. Charles Jayne, project leader of East Salem home extension unit gave the "One Dish Meals" demonstration at Mrs. E. E. Brandt's Friday.

Mrs. Jayne explained the advantages and disadvantages of main dish meals as she helped prepare the food for the lunch. Several types of food commonly used in main course dishes were explained in giving the uses of main dish meals.

Mrs. Wilkinson gave the afternoon lesson using the charts to show the food values. The February meeting will be held with Mrs. Walter Swingle in Salem.

Hazel Green Has School Luncheon Program Underway

HAZEL GREEN — Mr. and Mrs. Glen Looney and family, returned Wednesday from a trip to Alberta, Canada, where they spent the Christmas vacation with Mrs. Looney's parents. Her brother returned with them for a few months visit.

The school lunch program at the Hazel Green school started Monday and will continue through February. Among those serving during the past week were Mrs. Julius Slatum, Mrs. Ziebert, Mrs. Agnes Wacken, Mrs. Henry Rasmussen, Mrs. Gladys Ditchen, Mrs. Less White, Mrs. Harvey McKibben and Mrs. Ray McKibben.

Milton Crawford is a new pupil in the fifth grade. Sixty-four are enrolled.

Roberts Home Ec Club Plans for Program

ROBERTS — Home Economics club of Roberts Grant meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday January 14, with Mrs. Leonard Ziekle. Mrs. George Higgins will be assistant hostess. Year books will be distributed and plans made for later programs.

"Good Taste at the Dining Table," a pantomime, will be enacted by Mrs. Forest Edwards, Mrs. Denver Young, Mrs. Jessie Johns, Mrs. Paul Marsh, Mrs. Floyd Plank and Mrs. Chet Nelson. Mrs. Charles Fulton will be narrator.

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3 'Bombsights' Pilfered Here

Three "bombsight" radiator ornaments were taken from local cars Sunday and two other autos were prowled Saturday night, city police reported Monday.

Ornaments were taken from Buicks owned by Frank Smith, 2420 Cherry ave.; A. H. Randall, 1510 B st., and James Schlicker, 2010

Nebraska st., all while the vehicles were parked at the residences. W. T. Batis, 350 N. Summer st., reported to police that tools and cigarette were stolen from his automobile by someone who broke into his garage. A spare tire, robe and a pair of gloves were taken from a car owned by E. T. Wood, 1891 McCoy st., while it was parked near the VFW hall.

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