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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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Lessons of Experience on Bond Issues

Memories are short, but most adults will recall the difficult days when paying taxes was a struggle, much property went delinquent and went off the taxrolls by foreclosure. One cause of the high taxes was retirement of old bond issues. After that experience many swore "never again" would they vote big bond issues in boom times to prove a load around their necks in bad times. Shall we repeat the performance now?

We have not been among those who forewear all bond issues, believing that they are in order to finance public improvements with long life. But we do not want the school district to vote so large a bond issue as is proposed, \$3,500,000, with the risk of causing serious tax delinquency later on.

It would not take much of a recession to put in jeopardy many of the homes that are now being purchased on contract, bought at prices far above normal, with small down payment. Loss of job or decrease in pay would put the contract purchaser in a serious position. The amount of the tax to finance this bond issue would not alone endanger his holdings, but it would be a burden he could not shake off or reduce until the debt was discharged. That is why in the financing of public improvements care must be taken not to overload the taxpayer.

We note that the Eugene school district, which faces similar problems of expanding enrollment, proposes a \$2,300,000 bond issue to be spread over 20 years, not ten, and contemplates a supplementary levy of five mills for building purposes. However the program if carried out on schedule would add ten mills, not 15 as here, and would replace a present special levy for construction which has averaged 11 mills for the past six years. The total levy would still be under 80 mills. Here it will be 88 mills if this bond issue is voted and a city issue of \$800,000 for sewage disposal plant voted. And in West Salem the consolidated levy would be 95 mills.

There is room for honest difference of opinion in this matter. A deluge of immigration might swamp us and make even the school board's plan conservative. Or a business reversal might cause some of the present population to scatter. But if we vote for a lesser amount of bonds to take care of needs for the next few years, then assuming legislative action to confine the present bond limitation, we can vote more bonds later. And it is fair to believe that we shall get more for our money in construction two or three years from now than we do today.

Defeat of the bond proposal for \$3,500,000 next Tuesday will open the way for a resubmission of a proposal in the amount of \$1,500,000, which it is estimated would care for immediate needs.

Remember the election day is next Tuesday. Those eligible to vote are those whose names are on the property taxrolls of the district or are stockholders in corporations whose names are on the property taxrolls of the district.

Dev—Son of Destiny

Gaunt, idealistic, New-York-born Eamon de Valera who led Eire through a war for independence, a civil war and a world war has been ousted from his position of benevolent dictator. Dev and his strongly nationalistic Fianna Fail (Sons of Destiny) party have been replaced by John A. Costello supported by a coalition of five parties and independents.

When he became premier 16 years ago, de Valera was the national hero of three million people embittered by 700 years under British rule and the Black and Tan war of 1921. A guerrilla in the rebellion of 1916 and once condemned to death by the British, Dev's followers wanted to crown him King of Ireland. Instead, he quietly devoted himself to the unification of Ireland—a goal still to be achieved.

De Valera is responsible for Eire's strange status: Associated with, but not of the British commonwealth, Eire is economically interdependent with Britain but her leaders no longer swear allegiance to the British crown. His opposition to anything English gave rise in 1933 to General O'Duffy's Blue Shirts, a terrorist band, but de-Valera used his constitutional powers whenever civil war was threatened, although Dev always held high regard for individual freedom of opinion. Tension gradually decreased but his reign was one of many crises.

Dev fought payment to England of land-purchase annuities—a move which led England to replace this revenue with tariffs and subsequently resulted in an economic depression. A form of planned economy was adopted by de Valera and his government has monopolized some business and holds large shares in many vital industries. The economic aspects—Eire's fear of the "vested interests" in Northern Ireland—as well as religious differences have been real barriers to Irish unity.

But Dev has tried to educate his people to become conscious of their common heritage by promoting interest in Irish antiquity and, as chancellor of the National university, he created the Institute of Advanced Studies and caused Gaelic to be taught in schools instead of English.

As president of the League of Nations, de Valera pushed Eire onto the stage of international politics, but in World War II he tried to keep out of the picture entirely. Some sources claim Dev's long-standing distrust of the British eased somewhat when England proved more tolerant of Irish neutrality than did the United States. Now many members of the British labor government are sympathetic to de Valera's cause and relations seem better. But Eire is floundering in an inflated economy and Dev's opponents have made political hay out of food and fuel shortages.

Despite his sometimes inscrutable ways, de Valera has been a good leader. If Costello does succeed in uniting the Emerald Isle through his coalition government, much of the credit, nevertheless, will be due the untiring efforts of Eamon de Valera.

The Time to Talk Is Past

Rail-meshed Salem, long-suffering in its patience with signless crossings, should deluge the city council, the county court and the public utilities commission with its protests that repeated accidents, injuries and fatalities are allowed to happen with no more results than "plans" and a lot of talk.

The city now has the unenviable record of being in the forefront of accident lists and the wreck near the state prison Thursday night adds another black mark to what has become a veritable scandal.

The time to talk has long past. Railroads are a vital and integral part of this city's welfare but there is no excuse for their continuing to be cause of disaster through improperly-protected crossings.

The crossing at the prison is not used with a frequency which makes motorists remember the hazard is there—which is all the more reason that protection is necessary. And many of the numerous tragedies on the 12th street main line could well have been avoided by means of well-engineered signals or warning arms.

It's all well and good to have long-range plans. But such plans shouldn't prohibit instant action in the interests of public welfare which is not now being served.

The iron curtain has been lifted in Bulgaria and foreign correspondents now get the glad-hand. Maybe one of them can find out under what rug the stage debris was swept before the curtain went up.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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employees. They are like shipwrecked sailors adrift at sea: "Water, water all around; but not a drop to drink." For legislative appropriation is necessary to get it out of the treasury; and before that a supreme court ruling on the issue.

There is this ray of comfort, that if and when prices start down, as ultimately they will, the "white collar worker" will fare better. In public service the tenure is now more secure, and wage cuts develop slowly. During the depression of the 1930s the public employees did take pay cuts, but they were graduated in severity in inverse ratio to the amount of pay received, and the restoration favored those in the lowest brackets. It is to be hoped that no depression of such magnitude will come. In the meantime the state should start oiling its machinery so that its employees may receive adequate compensation at the earliest moment.

Don Apperson Elected to Head Patriotic Group

Don Apperson, Salem, was elected president of the Associated Patriotic society of Marion county Friday night at the organization's dinner meeting in the Marion hotel.

Other new officers elected were Glenn Adams, vice-president; Mrs. Don Apperson, secretary; and Mrs. Stuart Johns, secretary, all of Salem.

Principal speaker of the evening was Mrs. Helen White, representing the Gold Star Mothers. Other speakers were Miller Hayden, Marion county district attorney, and L. N. Bacon, Fremont. Entertainment was given by Ernie Bryan, Portland magician.

Valley Obituaries

Fannie Allen
MIDDLE GROVE—Private services were held Friday in Salem for Mrs. Fannie Allen, late resident of Springfield, Ore. Mrs. Allen lived in the Middle Grove district for many years. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Hilliker, Springfield, and Ray E. Allen, Eugene.

Barry Smith Richardson
JEFFERSON—Feb. 20—Barry Smith (Steve) Richardson, 77, died unexpectedly Wednesday night. He had had heart trouble for several years but had been ill for only ten days. Able to be up and around, he had done the evening chores and eaten a hearty supper. The attack came while he sat in a chair in the living room and he never regained consciousness.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday from Jefferson Church of Christ. Pallbearers will be Tim Kelly, John DeWall, Virgil Weddie, Harold Wynd, Walton J. Looney and Oliver Stephenson. Mrs. Gilbert Looney will sing and Mrs. Virgil Bailes will be organist. Arranging the flowers will be Mrs. Joy Kelly and Mrs. Ernest Powell. Interment in the Miller cemetery at Shelburn.

Barry Smith Richardson
youngest of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Richardson, was born in Missouri Oct. 21, 1870, came to Oregon in 1894. He was married to Ellen Goin at Albany June 10, 1897. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last June. Farming for a short time in the Munkers district, they moved to Jefferson more than 40 years ago.

Survivors are the widow, Ellen Richardson of Jefferson; one niece, Mrs. Iva Mishler, and one nephew, Orley Richardson, both of Anabel, Mo.

Susan Marie Zimmerman
ALBANY—Mrs. Susan Marie Zimmerman, 84, died in Albany General hospital February 18, after long illness. Funeral services will be held, Fisher funeral home, 2:30 p.m. Monday, February 23. The Rev. Orville Mick will officiate, burial in Shedd cemetery.

Charles Lincoln Jackson
ALBANY—Charles Lincoln Jackson, 87, died at Brownsville Thursday, February 19, after long illness. The Fisher funeral home is in charge of funeral arrangements, time to be announced.

Born Nov. 6, 1860, Whiteside county, Ill., Jackson moved to Iowa in 1866 with his parents, living there and in Montana until 1867, when he came to Oregon, making his home on a farm near Shedd until 1914. Since then he had lived in Brownsville. March 19, 1885, at Hampton, Iowa, he married Dora Robert, who died in 1930.

Survivors are one son, Delos K. Jackson of Brownsville, with whom he lived; one grandson, Charles A. Jackson of Shedd, one granddaughter, Mrs. June Belle Reab of Halsey; sister, Mrs. Anna

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"All evening he did nothing but brag about all the money he gives to charity—which reminds me, I gotta fix up my income tax too!"

Maynes in New York; and four great grandchildren.

Sharon Jean Kelley
ALBANY—Funeral services for Sharon Jean Kelley, six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kelley of Albany, who died in the Lebanon hospital February 18, will be held from the Fisher funeral home in Albany at 3:30 o'clock Friday, February 20, with Rev. Heath W. Lowe conducting the service, burial in Willamette Memorial park.

Survivors besides the parents are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Polly, all of Albany.

Howard H. Frazee
MONMOUTH—Funeral services for Howard H. Frazee, who died at the family home north of Monmouth Tuesday at the age of 57, will be held from the Walter L. Smith mortuary in Independence Sunday at 2 p.m., the Rev. Donald Leavitt officiating with interment at Fir Crest cemetery.

Frazee was born in Iowa April 3, 1890, and was married to Mrs. Margaret Stout in Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 19, 1945. He came to Oregon with his family in 1945, and had resided in Monmouth for the past three years.

Frazee is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Frazee, and his four step children, Nancy, Billie, Virginia and Margaret Ann Stout, all of Monmouth. Also by one son and three daughters, Dale Frazee of Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Lester Taylor of The Dalles, Ore.; Mrs. Margaret Tinkham of Fairbury, Neb.; and Mrs. Marie Wills of Sonora, Calif.; six sisters, Mrs. W. D. Scott of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Jessie Owens of Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. Grace Ralston of Rye, Colo.; Mrs. Sadie James of North Platte, Neb.; Mrs. Myrtle Bowman of Tiffin, O.; and Mrs. Rudolph Frazee of Goose Lake, Ia., and his many friends.

Valley Births

Silverton—Mrs. Errol Ross entertained past matrons of the Eastern Star at breakfast Thursday. Plans were discussed for the district meeting to be held here Monday with Molalla chapter coming over as guests and for the golden anniversary to be held in April.

Union Hill—The Young Grangers are sponsoring a dance Saturday night. Stevens orchestra of North Howell will furnish music. Grange members and friends are invited.

Brooks—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Staleup are the parents of a daughter, Linda Gayle, born on February 14 at the Dallas hospital. This is their first child and the great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cozel of Brooks.

Union Hill—Mrs. Gladys Trask of Fresno, Calif., is visiting Mrs. Verna Scott here and Mrs. Elsie Potter of Salem.

Turner—Ideal Rebekah lodge entertained Suda Comstock, president of the Rebekah assembly, Wednesday. Visitors were present from Salem, Silverton, Sweet Home, Jefferson and Lancaster, Calif. Mrs. Leslie Peterson and Mrs. Morris Petersen were initiated.

Brooks—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wall and baby are guests of the Ray Cozels this week. R. L. Davis is home from the hospital and much improved following a recent illness.

Turner—Cpl. Duane Spencer will leave Sunday for overseas duty after spending his furlough with his parents here. PFC Richard Spencer is now stationed in Germany.

Scotts Mills—Katie Watts, grade school pupil ill since January 1, is still unable to return to school but reported much improved. She recently had her tonsils removed.

Marquam—House guests of the Albert Pedersons are Minnie and Calmer Anderson who returned recently from Norway on the Queen Mary. While in Norway they visited at the home of the Pedersons' grandparents and brought back many pictures they took while there.

Attorney Sees Tax Surplus Suit Approach

Two approaches for a suit in the courts to determine the validity of Attorney General George Neuner's opinion holding that surplus state income tax revenues and state corporate excise taxes are "miscellaneous receipts" and are transferable to the state's general fund, were outlined by Dean Ellis, attorney for the state tax commission, Friday.

The most logical approach, Ellis declared, probably would be a suit by the state treasurer or secretary of state who are trusted with the expenditure of these funds. Under a provision of the state statutes it is unlawful for state officials to expend funds in an amount larger than provided by law to be expended. Violation of this provision, Ellis continued, might make state officials civilly and possibly criminally liable. A declaratory judgment would be sought.

Another approach, according to Ellis, would be for an injured taxpayer to file suit enjoining the state tax commission from making the levy.

Neither State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott nor Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery would comment. Gov. John H. Hall at a recent meeting of the state board of control, suggested that the courts pass on the legality of transferring these surplus revenues to the general fund even though Neuner's opinion was favorable.

Four Corners Gun Club Plans for Sunday Shoot

FOUR CORNERS—Four Corners Rod and Gun club will hold another of its "candy shoots" Sunday afternoon, February 22, starting at 1:30 p.m., and is open to the public.

High scores at the regular Monday night shoot were taken by Clyde Johnson, E. V. (Bud) Davis and Albert Brant of the A team and by LeRoy Austin, Dale Jeffries and Waldo Crabbs.

New members of the club are Harvey Meyers, Dale Jeffries and F. L. Green. The Rod and Gun club is one of several Four Corners organizations which are part of the community hall corporation. Hardie Phillips and E. V. Davis are members of the committee to plan and arrange community social affairs for the near future.

Evans Lowery—Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Lowery and four children have come here from Omaha, Neb., and have purchased the Birgit Roberts home.

Valley Calendar

SATURDAY
Polk 4-H club leaders meeting, Rick-real 10:30 a.m.
Marion 4-H club leaders, Salem YMCA, 1:30.
Ankeny Grange, special meeting, next year with a high school enrollment of 400.

Musical numbers included two piano selections by Mrs. Roy Arney and vocal numbers by Kenneth Thompson, Mrs. Arney accompanist. Both are from Woodburn. A birthday greeting using the congress colors of blue and gold was given by Swegle representative, February marks the 51st birthday of the Congress of Parents-Teachers.

Taking part were Mrs. Melvin La Due, Mrs. E. E. Brandt, Mrs. Percy Castle, Mrs. Daniel Casey, Mrs. Albert Paiz, Mrs. Charles Norton, Mrs. Frank Lapper, Mrs. Marion West, Mrs. Leonard Cain, Mrs. George Standley, Mrs. J. Halsey, Mrs. Albert Gilman, Mrs. La Vonne White and Mrs. Charles Salter.

Mrs. Clinton Kennedy was in charge of the refreshment committee. Pouring and serving the birthday cake were the officers, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Salter. Guests were Frank Doerfler, Mrs. Roy Krusch, Mrs. Arlo McLain and Mrs. C. A. Barney of Auburn.

Another Keizer Group Against Beer Tavern

KEIZER—Mrs. Walter Gogle entertained the Cub Mothers club Wednesday night Mrs. Hugh Adams conducted the meeting when plans were made for the "father-son" banquet April 2. The group went on record as opposing the licensing of a beer tavern in the district and voted to write letters and have representatives at the hearing February 27.

Mothers at the meeting for the first time were Mrs. Stuart Couler, Mrs. Mike McClanagh, and Mrs. Vane Boynton. Other mothers present were Mrs. A. B. Pederson, Mrs. Wright Noel, Mrs. Rolf Gilbertson, Mrs. Otto Yunker, Mrs. Dale Pingel, Mrs. Lauren Stettler, Mrs. Roger Morse, Mrs. Hugh Adams and the hostesses, Mrs. Walter Gogle.

Cub mothers will meet again March 17 with Mrs. A. B. Pederson.

WU Seniors to Re-Vote For President Monday

The senior class of Willamette university elected Winona Varney Medford, secretary-treasurer and Winona Dillard, Toledo, vice president for the spring semester, yesterday.

As neither Bob Hill, Salem, nor Bob Johnson, Kodiak, Alaska, obtained the required majority vote for the presidency, a re-vote will be held Monday.

Sandstrom Heard By Vet Committee

Members of the Salem veterans' service committee, meeting at a Friday noon luncheon, heard Bob Sandstrom, assistant office manager in the state unemployment office, explain readjustment allowances for World War II veterans.

Sandstrom said veterans without a weekly income of \$23 and those self-employed making less than \$100 a month, are not eligible for allowances under the act.

Gun Pointing Charge Against Britz Dropped

The charge of pointing a firearm was dismissed and a new charge of lewd cohabitation was filed against Leo Britz, Salem carpenter, Friday in Marion county district court, in connection with the February 12 shooting of Mrs. Betty Voeks. Britz was returned to the county jail under \$500 bail and is to plead Tuesday.

During preliminary examination of Britz, District Judge Joseph Felton dismissed the firearm charge for lack of sufficient evidence. City police then presented the complaint for the new charge. District Attorney Miller B. Hayden said the firearm charge would be taken up with the county grand jury.

Mrs. Voeks, reported at Salem General hospital Friday night to be in "fair" condition, was shot through a shoulder and both lungs in a room at the Marion hotel. Britz said, according to police, that the shot was fired accidentally as he was examining his pistol.

West Salem PTA Plans Hobby Show Friday, March 5

WEST SALEM, Feb. 20—A hobby show will be put on in the junior high school gymnasium Friday night, March 5, by West Salem Parent-Teachers association. Ted Pierson is exhibits chairman and is seeking to obtain entries of hobbies which will provide an interesting display for the affair.

Mrs. Glenn McCormick is president of the West Salem PTA and other officers are Don Crenshaw, vice president with William Kidwell, co-chairman of the show; Mrs. Robert E. Covert, treasurer; Mrs. J. Wickstrom, secretary.

Other committee members in charge of details for the hobby show are arrangements, Jake Fost, Lester Rowe and Tom Means; reception, Ted Medford and Mayor Walter Musgrave; refreshments, Don Crenshaw, Al Breckman, Charles Caggett and Walter White. Gus Moore, publicity.

Local Realtors Voice Objection To Bond Issue

Most discussion at Salem Board of Realtors' luncheon Friday noon was strongly against the proposed \$3,500,000 bond issue for local school building expansion, with most of the opposition appearing on the basis of undue increases in property taxes.

Rich Reimann, chairman of the board's taxation committee, said his group recommended against the bond issue. Noting realization of the schools' needs, Reimann and other members protested against the method of raising money, of which a portion would not be needed for five years. He expressed confidence that the school board could find some other way to finance the project.

Proponents of the issue were led by Ed Potter who asserted "You can't put the children in mothballs for six years and then build schools for them." He urged the importance of keeping class rooms from becoming overcrowded by the city's great population growth.

Life Insurance Men Hear Thompson

Seth B. Thompson, Salem, state insurance commissioner and president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, was featured speaker at a meeting of the Salem Life Underwriters association Friday noon in the Salem hotel.

Thompson placed special emphasis on the advantage of insurance men belonging to local underwriter associations.

In a business session, members made preliminary plans for a "ladies night" banquet to be given this spring. Next meeting of the organization will be on March 24.

Hazel Dell—Mrs. Edwin Hattberg, Mrs. Will Schwarz and Mrs. Oscar Stern were among local residents who attended a social Thursday at Mrs. Henry Torvendi's in Salem.

Correction
In yesterday's Statesman delicious apples were incorrectly priced at lb. 18c

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