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## The City Council Hesitates

The city council, meeting informally and discussing the Baldock plan for handling Salem traffic, sought to avoid the controversial one-way pattern and proposed instead a street-widening program on the streets designated for use as state highways. This will be discussed with the state highway engineer.

The highway department however has already considered street widening and rejected it because of the cost. Other cities have come to the same conclusion. Instead of engaging in costly widening of streets they have avoided it wherever possible and gone instead to the much less expensive alternative of one-way travel. The traffic flow is thus accelerated so that the existing ways suffice. After all comparisons are exhausted a safe prediction is that the solution recommended is the most practical one for the present, pending such time as an expressway can be constructed through the city of ample width to accommodate two-directional traffic and with restricted access to prevent frequent stops.

There is one other alternative and that is to do nothing. Some would prefer this because they object to certain features of the plan proposed. But the city council cannot adopt such a head-in-the-mud policy, for it has heard complaints about traffic conditions so long and has sought relief from the highway commission too often now to tuck its tail between its legs and run away from the problem.

The city council very properly takes time to consider changes of such great importance; and is fully justified in exploring other possibilities which may offer a solution. In the end though it will have to grapple with the issue; and we are confident it will do so and adopt a forward-looking program such as the one submitted by the highway department.

We cannot escape the fact that our street traffic is steadily growing. The authorities ought to come to a decision as soon as possible so that work may start, for at best it will take years before the whole program is completed.

## Hobbies on Bond Issues

After amending and passing SB 384 the house recalled the bill from the governor's office and re-referred it to committee. The bill has the worthy purpose of trying to make tax levies for debt service even, and so avoid the occasional sharp variations in such levies, such as develop when governing boards wake up to the fact that a big bond issue is about to fall due. Boards would have to stagger maturities of new issues after giving regard to those on old issues.

For all its good intentions the bill doesn't seem practical. The idea is old — a bill on similar lines was presented to the 1935 legislature but was withdrawn when bond attorneys pointed out its difficulties.

We can summarize briefly why the bill isn't practical:

1st. The issuer doesn't know what interest rate bidders will offer. Frequently rates are

split, with early maturities taking a lower rate. So the schedule gets out of balance to start with.

2nd. A new and unsettling factor is introduced into bond selling. How can the bond attorney pass on legality of the issue unless he makes an audit to see that the payment schedule, in conjunction with other outstanding issues, is kept level?

3rd. Some bonds have sources of support other than taxes. As these outside sources wax or wane the tax obligation diminishes or increases, again upsetting the schedule.

4th. The temptation under this scheme is to push payment of principal off into the future — in other words the district is paying interest that much longer.

We have very good laws now covering issuance of bonds by governmental units. Bonds have to be issued now so that the debt burden is evenly apportioned over the life of the issue. This law is working well. There seems no need to complicate the business with SB 384.

## Do We Eat Too Much Fish?

A survey of conditions of teeth among people of Oregon, particularly young people, showed that those residing in central Oregon had better teeth than those in western Oregon. This prompts comment from the Bend Bulletin, which suggests that the fault in coastal Oregon may be eating too much fish — but most of the inhabitants there are not Indians and not to be branded as fish-eaters, though their per capita consumption of seafood probably exceeds that of denizens of central Oregon.

The Bulletin does raise a point with reference to the comparison: how large a percentage of the children examined were born here or had lived here some time; and how large consists of newcomers who may have brought their caries with them?

The survey reported certain findings. Others must analyze the statistics and perhaps go over the ground again before arriving at definite conclusions. The information of bad conditions in any locality however should prompt effort to overcome deficiencies due to diet and to insure proper care for teeth. Parents can't afford to neglect care of children's teeth.

## "No Liberalism in Spain"

Unless Generalissimo Franco and his country, Spain, are to get out of the international doghouse soon a lot of build-up is going to be wasted. Portuguese papers are assuming that the U.N. will raise the boom against ambassadorial relations, which was lowered early in U.N.'s career; and already Washington is gossiping about our next ambassador to Madrid. One Portuguese journalist, reporting the accomplishments of Franco, says:

"In Spain there is no liberalism. Liberalism in Spain leads to political and social disorder, and would go on to anarchy or communism."

He might have added that Spain is "broke"; its economy exhausted. What Franco wants is a generous handout from Uncle Sam. He's a "liberal" that way.

## Neuberger Asks Red Eye for Redmen

By Ralph Watson

Lo, the poor Indian!  
The white man came into his land before Columbus had wheedled Isabella Queen of Spain out of her diamond

ear rings and other baubles with which to rig out his armada. And they started kicking him around with no regard for his feelings, his titles by adverse possession, or his objections at all.

He, as any red-skinned and red-blooded American would, resented what he had handed him and took his toll in scalps and whatever else he could get his hands on.

But the omnipresent white and invading flood forced him back, back from his hunting grounds, back from the streams from which he took the fish he ate. They killed him, corralled him, they impounded him in reservations and they robbed him of the roaming liberty of his forefathers.

Finally the conscience of the Great White Father commenced to hurt him, like a burr in the springtime just before a rain. And his heart began to soften and he commenced to release the iron grip with which he had held the remnants of America's first and original citizens. Little by little he gave them back small slices of the land of which they had been robbed, and told them they could have the right to sell it, or to trade it, or to let their white and crafty neighbors cheat them out of it.

Out here in Oregon the remaining tribe to fish for salmon in the turbulence at The Dalles and to sell their take to their white brothers was saved inviolate under one of the few unshattered treaties which the Great White Father had signed, and remembered.

But during all these rolling years from Columbia through Volstead and to the present there was one civil liberty, one inchoate right which was sternly and stolidly denied him. In that particular he was the forgotten man of America.

Progress and civilization and all their frills and foibles passed him by; left him sitting alone and forgotten in his tent; denied the one great boon granted all else in these free and frolicsome days.

But cheer up Big Chief, little chief and all your tribe. The dehydrating shackles are about to be stricken from your cups. Your civil liberties are to be observed, remembered and restored. You can take your place at the bar in any tavern or honky

tonk, hook your moccasin over the rail with all the rest and demand your red eye like any other good American soldier.

How? Read senate bill 422, by Senator Neuberger, champion and custodian of civil liberties for all. It deletes, strikes out and obliterates the existing blot in the Knox law which says it shall be unlawful for any person to sell alcoholic liquor to a person under the age of 21, to a person visibly intoxicated, to a person interdicted for habitual drunkenness "or to an Indian," or "for an Indian to possess alcoholic liquor."

There's votes in them that reservations, and hooray for civil liberty whole hog or half a pig.

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers  
THE JOURNALS OF ANDRE GIDE, VOLUME III: 1928-1939, translated from the French and annotated by Justin O'Brien (Knopf; \$6)

Everything that interests the modern mind, from God and church to state and morals, music, letters, grammar, even to the ill fate of a toad or lizard tortured by insensitive children, has interested the now aged author of these unique journals. The wonder is, that one man's thoughts can be relevant to the needs of such a multitude of men. And with the range, there is also profundity, as we are reminded in this third and, unhappily, last volume of the journals.

There is a preoccupation with death not so noticeable before, since in these 10 years he was in his seventies; and there are the initial praise and subsequent criticism of Communism, and observations specially pertaining to the pre-war decade.

Otherwise this volume fulfills the promise of the first two, and offers more, though never enough, of what had already

proved greatly enjoyable. A Protestant, he has not changed his mind, but rather sharpened it, on the subject of organized religion; homosexuality still pre-turbs him; he continues to suffer his aches and pains . . . "there are certain doors that cannot be opened"; he is the inveterate traveler; and his literary and personal judgments are as penetrating, and sometimes as devastating, as ever. He disposed of a verbal portrait done of him by Maurice Bédou with the cutting remark that in it "those who do not know me recognized me at once." Thanks to these journals, everyone can know him now.

The book is provided with photographs, a Gide bibliography and an index of persons who sometimes need to be identified for American readers.

(New Directions has just republished Gide's "Dostoevsky," which appeared in Paris in 1923 and, with Arnold Bennett's introduction, in translation in 1925; it's the sort of creative study which serves the creative writer best.)

## Cherryland Court Candidates



Among high school senior girls from Marion and Polk county who will vie for positions in the Salem Cherryland festival court this year are Lela Collins of Aumsville (left) and Dorothy Neufeld of Dallas.



## Stayton, Turner, Independence, Silverton Name Fete Royalty

Four more princess candidates were announced Tuesday as Salem Cherryland furthered their plans for the Princess Selection night April 21 as first big event in advance of this summer's Cherryland festival here.

The newest contestants from high schools of the Salem area are Marlene Rutherford of Silverton; Dixie Davenport, Turner, and Margaret Mix, Independence.

This makes nine candidates to date, including earlier entries from Salem, Pefferston, Aumsville, Dallas and Detroit.

Dixie Davenport, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Davenport, box 149 Turner, is Turner high school's candidate for Cherryland festival court.

She is editor of the school yearbook and in the cast of her senior class play. She is also active in the student council, girls glee club, girls octet and girls athletic association.

This Auburn haired girl with blue eyes weighs 152 pounds and is 5 feet 7 inches tall. She was born in Kansas, has two younger brothers and a younger sister.

Stayton Selects Jeannine Jeannine Bentley, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Bentley, Lyons, is a Cherryland court candidate from Stayton high school.

With brown hair and hazel eyes, this girl is 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 121 pounds.

She has been active in many school activities and is past worthy advisor of Rainbow Girls. She has been a majorette, yell leader, junior class secretary and dramatics society vice president, a glee club and pep club member. She was at Girls State last year.

She is a native of Oklahoma, has two younger sisters and a younger brother. She plans to enter Lincoln college next year.

Miss Mix from Independence Margaret Mix, 17, Independence's candidate for the Cherryland princess selection, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Mix, 360 Third st., Independence. A brunette with hazel eyes, Margaret stands 5 feet 6 1/2 inches and weighs 135 pounds.

Among Margaret's school activities are sports, as she has been on basketball and volleyball teams and a member of Girls Athletic association. She has served as student body secretary, Pep club secretary, class secretary, school paper assistant editor and yearbook staff member. She is in Girls league and Quill and Scroll.

Margaret plans to enter Lincolnton college next year. Silverton Chooses Marlene The Silverton entry in Cherryland court selection night is Marlene Rutherford, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rutherford, 134

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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afflicted the country badly after the war. This time the veterans are by no means united in demanding a bonus. In fact many strongly oppose it. The Oregon Voter quotes Rep. Howard Morgan as saying in a debate on the bonus:

"Who is paying what to whom? The veterans in Oregon are about one-third of the adult males. Under this they will be handing out a gift to themselves and then have the job of paying off that gift. What is the psychological effect of being receivers and givers? We saw the effect in the thirties. Every veteran became a part of a grab raid on the U. S. treasury, for a mercenary payoff whether he needed it or not. What is the psychological effect on the rest of society? They feel that by a bonus they have discharged their debt to the veterans and are done with it. They become calloused toward veterans and ignorant of their real needs. The effect on public finances is serious."

Rep. Warren Gill of Linn county, an able and popular member and a veteran himself, sponsored the legislation. I do not question his purpose; but do oppose the bonus idea. While his plan has the virtue of not invading present revenues, still, when other public needs are so urgent it does not seem wise to open another spring of revenue and devote it to this purpose.

As for the "fair trade" deal, that is simply another attempt at price-fixing, which we have too much of already.

## Public Records

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Freida Conover, 243 Chemeketa st., disorderly conduct, fined \$25.  
Willard Powers, Randolph, Mass., John D. Carey, Lake Placid, N. Y., and Wilmer Watson, Portland, soliciting for magazines without a permit, fined \$25 each.

### DISTRICT COURT

Meivin L. Clodfelter, Albany, charged with driving while intoxicated, trial set for May 26 after entering plea of innocent, posted \$350 bail.

Phillip E. Bardock, 404 S. High st., charged with assault and battery, trial set for May 25 after plea of innocent; posted \$250 bail.

### CIRCUIT COURT

State ex rel. Elizabeth Dooper vs. Luke Britton: Order authorizes acceptance of settlement claim.

Stephen Edens and Judson R. Corryell vs. Abrams & Skinner, Inc. and Tom Brown: Order overrules plaintiff's motion to strike.

Walter and Evelyn L. Musgrave vs. Edward J. and Caroline Lucas: Defendants file motion to strike.

Kate McDougal vs. Charles W. McDougal: Default of defendant entered.

Maude R. Hughes vs. Lawrence C. Hughes: Decree of divorce granted to plaintiff.

Interstate Tractor and Equipment Co. vs. Charles Hoyt: Plaintiff files reply admitting and denying.

Vern L. Rathkey vs. Douglas

planned. At 2 o'clock, the association will go to the fairgrounds where fat hogs will be displayed and judged. Prizes will consist of cured hams and bacon.

The dressed carcass show will be held Tuesday, April 12, from 1 to 4 p. m. at the Valley Packing company. Prizes will also be awarded at this time, writes A. L. Oliver, Corvallis, secretary of the association.

Ben A. Newell, Marion county extension agent, livestock division, is in charge of local arrangements.

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