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MORE ON ASSESSMENT PROBLEMS

COMMENTING on the Lane county assessment situation, the Coos Bay Times, edited by Shelton Sackett, also of Salem, refers to the fare-up as a "teapot tempest." After a long and rather elaborate explanation and defense of the "ration" on the basis of which county assessments are equalized for state tax purposes, The Times declares:

"The Eugene people have missed the nubbin of the protest which can be made against assessment practices in Oregon. It is that the average county assessor has not carefully determined and inflexible rules which guide his determination of values. Habit, the law of inertia, and a prevailing practice to let sleeping dogs lie govern most assessors. . . . If the Eugene people wish to propose a constructive service we suggest this procedure:

"Let the state tax commission be empowered to make all the assessments. It now handles utilities; let the field be broadened. Let the commission develop skilled men in valuation, spending all their time in appraising property. Such a staff would be more competent than the part-time crew on which all counties depend. Let the state assessment deputies be removed from the necessity of running for office each four years and not amenable to the sectional pleas for favoritism."

The Times is in error only in the premise. The Eugene people have NOT missed that "nubbin." We might not go so far as to say that all assessment should be removed from local control. We believe that a trained personnel and a coordinated system of assessing could be worked out without sacrificing the many advantages of local control and appeal. And we are asking that some such change be made—because the present state is obviously inadequate and the results inequitable.

By the statement of Mr. C. V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission, the "ration" in the various counties have not been carefully audited for several years. By Mr. Galloway's statement the state has only SIX field men to attempt the tremendous job of state-wide equalization. Likewise various "historic practices," such as Multnomah county's policy of undervaluing homes, are officially accepted and condoned. Whatever may be said in defense of the present system the work is NOT being expeditiously or equitably done.

As the Times remarks, Lane county might pay more rather than less under complete and efficient equalization. That's a risk we are perfectly willing to run. What has happened in Lane county has been the shifting of a certain portion of the tax load from one limited class of taxpayers to another. No doubt those who got relief needed it; no doubt those who got "socked" had it coming, but neither within Lane county nor over the state as a whole was there anything which could be called systematic or comprehensive equalization.

The present system is a makeshift. The state loses by letting it drag on.

SO OREGON LOOKS BETTER!

BACK from an extended vacation tour through Southern California, Herb Wiltshire, whose Modern Engraving company makes the cuts for the R-G, is regaling the lads in the back shop with tales of amusing though often irritating experiences in the Land of Sunshine. Mr. Wiltshire does not deny the sunshine. On the contrary he admits the social error of objecting too frequently and too publicly to what he considered an overdose of it.

"But it will be so good for your lungs," retorted the Angelinos. "Aren't you afraid of tuberculosis living in Oregon where it rains continually?"

Mr. Wiltshire prides himself upon his exceptional self-restraint in such situations. There is, he says, a certain quaintness in provincialism south of San Francisco. What can you expect, he inquires, of folks who have forgotten the very appearance of a green hill and whose imagination can scarcely conjure water in a river? The true Angelino, he finds, is sure that even the fumes and the oily mist drifting up from the oil fields are factors in health and well-being.

Occasionally, Mr. Wiltshire says, he found some Angelino who had ventured across the Sierras and a few even who had discovered such places as the Oregon coast and the McKenzie river, and these spoke appreciatively but with discretion of the charms of Oregon. And there was one gentleman, a financier of some prominence who declared the finest opportunities on the Pacific Coast were to be found in the Upper Willamette Valley in the vicinity of Eugene. But in the minds of most, Oregon seems to be a sort of necessary evil, to "take care of the California overflow."

"But we could learn something about pride from those folks," says Mr. Wiltshire. "They even boast of the rattlesnakes and black widow spiders."

Mr. Wiltshire would not have it thought that he has no eye for the many beauties of California, but he returns from his mission to the heathen a more confirmed Oregonian than ever. Mr. Wiltshire and George Stanley, who recently returned from adventures in the south, ought to get together. They could have an entertaining session.

MOVING IN RIGHT DIRECTION

THE need of coordination in the city of Eugene's administrative offices is recognized in the city council's plan to tear down partitions between the offices of the recorder and engineer and to move the city treasurer and his assistants across the hall into the new general office with the other officials. It is a good plan and timely and will be well worth the few hundred dollars the physical changes will cost the city.

But the plan will not correct the fundamental weakness in the present city setup which is due to the fact that we are trying to operate a modern and growing city under a plan which would scarcely suit a modern village. Partitions may be torn out and offices and officials shifted around at will but city administration will still lack RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY.

The city's \$12,500,000 business (and the worth is actually nearer \$25,000,000 on 54 percent valuations) still lacks a manager with directing authority. The present mayor, Elisha Large, happens to be a man

of some means and sufficient leisure to give city business more attention than most mayors. He is doing some excellent work. He has a gift for harmonizing relations. But recorder or treasurer could tell him to take a running jump into the creek at any time, being just as much "of the people" as he is.

The physical changes indicate understanding of the city's problem, but they will not solve it permanently. Eugene needs to take the next step which is to reorganize for management on the sensible and democratic plan which is common to all American business and in successful operation in more than 500 American cities. The leadership in such a change should come from the city council itself and it is to be hoped the physical changes are but the first step in this direction.

Mayor Carson of Portland is the latest victim of the California "bug patrol" at the state border and he represents the indignation that he might be carrying anything which could contaminate California's political aura.

Similar: Feeling like an eight-day clock on the ninth day of the family's vacation.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
 Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 14.—One of the Resemblance Administration's closely guarded secrets for many months has been the fact that it was experimenting with construction of houses out of earth.

Results of the experiments have been sufficiently encouraging, however, to take away some of the hubbub. There isn't any publicity hubbub about it yet, but Administrator Rexford G. Tugwell has gone down to look at seven earthen houses built on a substantial basement project near Birmingham, Ala.

Through use of a "rammed earth," a mixture of sand, clay, and gravel pounded together within board forms until it becomes virtually rock. Resemblance officials think they may be starting something revolutionary in rural housing.

Sensitive to criticism that follows New Deal mistakes, and fearful of being accused of building "mud huts" for rehabilitated families, they still want it understood that they're only experimenting.

But it's an old technique which was known and then shelved, perhaps because lumber and other building materials were so plentiful and cheap in earlier days. There's a rammed earth house here in Washington which has been standing for 100 years.

Cost Should Be Low

The houses contain five rooms, modernly equipped, with thick walls, no windows, and concrete foundations. The exterior and interior walls have smooth, hard surfaces. Those who have inspected the structures say they provide the coolest type of housing.

If the experiments prove successful, such houses ought to come, as you might say, "dirt cheap." The material thus far used has been dug from the immediate premises and the idea is that local craftsmen can easily learn to construct such buildings.

Officials aren't even guessing at the probable cost yet. The first five to be finished will cost between \$2500 and \$3700 apiece.

But that covers heavy costs of experimentation and, when the technique is perfected, a rammed earth house might not cost more than half as much.

Careful records of cost are being kept to determine that point.

Grief for Campaign Bosses

Everybody seems to be having campaign manager trouble, including Mr. Lemke.

Continuing fire on Democratic Chairman Jim Farley finally led to the arrangement whereby Jim takes a leave of absence as postmaster general and devotes himself exclusively to the campaign.

One reason it was not arranged to have Jim resign was the fear that word would be spread around among Irish voters that Roosevelt had been snubbed. Most of Farley's cabinet colleagues agree that it would have been, too, since most of the sins attributed to Jim were committed on behalf of his boss and probably have been no worse than the usual sins of a national chairman.

Republican Chairman John Hamilton, meanwhile, has been suffering from a slight backlash of the wave of personal glory on which he rode away from his party's national convention.

He undertook to do the talking for the party pending London's acceptance speech and recent editorial quips indicate that his speeches have worn a bit thin and begin to sound somewhat Hooverish.

Some of the New Dealers here have been perfecting wisecracks about "the Republican presidential candidate, Mr. Hamilton," which may soon be deemed funny enough for public utterance.

Burdick Fumbles Around

As for Congressman Lemke's campaign, certain of the third party candidate's friends are complaining that practically nothing has been done about it since Lemke announced, especially in the way of organization.

They complain because Congressman Usher Burdick, named as national chairman of the Union Party, has been quoted successfully as saying that Lemke couldn't be elected, that if he were elected he would be "just like the rest" within two weeks, and that he, Burdick, would support the Republican ticket in North Dakota. Subsequently, Burdick was reported to have said that Lemke had a good chance to be president because he would cause the election to be thrown into the House, where he might be able to exert control.

But there seems to be some dissatisfaction with Mr. Burdick and a disposition among some Lemke followers to wonder whether his campaign is going anywhere.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBURN
 Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

THE adenoids lie in the cavity behind the nose. Like the tonsils, they may be seriously infected and transmit infection to other parts of the body.

When the adenoids become infected and swollen, they block nasal breathing, the mouth is kept open, and the person afflicted often appears to have a stupid expression.

After breathing continuously through the mouth, the child with infected adenoids is likely to develop an unusual appearance. The upper lip is shortened and turned out, the lips are thickened, and a line is formed between the cheeks and the lips. This is a result of the narrowing of the dental arch of the upper jaw.

When there is infection in the adenoids, the germs pass through the tubes that connect the throat to the ear, and may infect cavities of the internal and middle ear.

Since the nose is blocked, the speech of a child with adenoids has a nasal sound. Children with obstructed breathing are restless at night; they snore, gasp, and toss about.

Furthermore, difficulty in breathing may interfere with development of the chest, which becomes narrow and flat.

There is no fancy way for prevention and treatment of adenoids that are infected and swollen. They can be removed by a minor operation.

Whenever they are enlarged, or whenever they seem to be infected, they should be removed. The time of the operation is determined by the symptoms. Thus, it may be necessary to remove the adenoids in babies under 1 year of age.

In general, however, the operation should be postponed until the child has passed the age of 2 or 3 years.

The chance of new growth of adenoid material is less after the age of 2 or 3 years than it is before. Somewhere between 10 to 15 per cent of the cases in which the adenoids have been removed required a second operation.

The improvement which follows removal of the adenoids usually is almost miraculous. The child begins at once to gain weight, his breathing is easier, his voice improves, and it is no longer irritable or restless.

SIDE GLANCES



"Oh, he won't hurt you. He never bites anyone unless he sees they're afraid of him."

Mrs. Schmidt Is Honored By Alumnae Marriage Is Sunday

Mrs. Lawrence Schmidt, who is leaving this week-end to reside in San Francisco, was honor guest at a meeting of the alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta sorority Monday evening. Mrs. O. F. Stafford was hostess for the party and assisting her were Mrs. Carl Koppe and Mrs. Edward Walker.

Present for the meeting were Mrs. Lawrence Schmidt, Mrs. Howard W. White, Mrs. William G. East, Mrs. Robert Stetson, Mrs. M. B. Headorffer, Miss Eleanor Burkhardt, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Headorffer and who is a member of the active chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at the University of Minnesota; Mrs. Frank Graham, Mrs. Carl Koppe, Mrs. Edward Walker, and Mrs. O. F. Stafford.

Accounts of the international convention of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority held at the Empress hotel, Victoria, British Columbia, June 27 to July 3, were given by Mrs. Stafford, and Miss Burkhardt, who attended the convention.

The philanthropic work of the sorority was discussed, this sorority having three camps for underprivileged children, Vancouver Camp at Boundary Bay, Denver Camp at Crystal Lake and Virginia Camp at Cape Henry.

At the election of officers at the international convention, an Oregon woman, Miss Beatrice Locke of Portland, was elected international vice-president. The international president is a Seattle woman, Mrs. William Dehn.

Miss Brown Marries On July 12

At a home ceremony on Sunday afternoon, July 12, Miss Elene Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ophir H. Brown of Gardiner, became the bride of Adis Jones. Rev. E. B. Carey of Reedport read the ceremony.

Proceeding the service, Miss Margaret Cutler and Kenneth Cutler, cousins of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly." Miss Cutler played the wedding march.

Mrs. Warren Vaughn was maid of honor and C. S. Jones, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

The bride wore a floor-length dress of white crepe with jacket and carried a bouquet of pink roses and white gladioli. The maid of honor wore a floor-length dress of blue organdy.

One corner of the room was banked with pink gladioli, sweetpeas and greenery, and formed the background for the ceremony.

After a short reception, the couple left on a wedding trip. Upon their return they will make their home in Gardiner.

Guests for the wedding included: Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones of Reedport, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jones and family of Marshfield, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jones of Marshfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones of Everett, Wash., Miss Alice Jones of North Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Noel of Reedport, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Vaughn of Booth, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cutler, Miss Margaret Cutler, Kenneth Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown, Morris Brown, and Franklin Brown, of Eugene, Miss Alice Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ford, Miss Ruth Ford, Mrs. Craig, Ellis Dolan, Mrs. Agnes Warren, Harold Warren, and Miss Evelyn Warren, of Gardiner.

Hathaways Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hathaway of Santa Clara, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Wednesday, and in honor of the occasion, a family reunion, the first in many years, will be held in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway were married fifty years ago Wednesday, in Driden, Oregon, near Grants Pass. They have resided here since 1923.

Attending the reunion will be their sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hathaway of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hathaway of McClelland, California, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hathaway of Hastings, Nebraska, and their sisters, Mrs. Victor Dickey

TEA COMPLIMENTS MRS. WARNE

Two Hostesses To Entertain On Thursday

By MARGARET REID

IN compliment to Mrs. Sam Bass Warner, who with Mr. Warner, arrives in Eugene Tuesday to visit with Mrs. Warner's mother, Mrs. Murray Warner, Mrs. Frank L. Chambers and Mrs. James H. Gilbert are entertaining with an informal tea Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Gilbert.

The hours for the affair are from four to six o'clock and the hostesses have invited a group of women who knew Mrs. Warner when she resided in Eugene and Mr. Warner was on the faculty of the law school at the University of Oregon.

Pouring at the tea will be Mrs. David Auld, Mrs. J. Bishop Tingle, Miss Maude Kerns and Mrs. Wayne L. Moore. A group of friends of Mrs. Warner will assist with the serving. Mrs. and Mrs. Warner are now residing in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Mr. Warner is a member of the faculty at Harvard university.

GO SOUTH

Mrs. Elmer Stone and her mother, Mrs. W. W. Edwards, who is a visitor from Chicago, were to leave Tuesday for southern California for a visit with relatives.

GIVES RECITAL

Margery Jean Pengra, student of Mrs. John S. Pengra, was presented in a piano recital Monday evening. The program included a group of classic numbers by Handel, Bach, Beethoven and Debussy; followed by a group from the Beethoven Symphonies, and a group of modern composers, Grant-Schaffer, Tschalkowsky, MacDowell, and Keelling. Friends and relatives of Miss Pengra were present for the evening.

BOARD TO MEET

A meeting of board members of Lane County Chapter, Pro America, national organization of republican women, has been announced for Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Hugh E. Roason, 500 Eleventh avenue east.

A discussion will be held on the participation of Lane county chapter, Pro America, in the state republican picnic to be held Saturday, July 25, at Senator Charles McNary's farm near Salem. The meeting is also called to prepare the program for the coming campaign for a membership drive for the organization.

FROM FLORIDA

Miss Eleanor Burns has as her guest for a time her brother, C. W. Skene of Miami, Florida.

FRIDAY MEETING

The women of the Friendly Bible class of the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday school will have a covered dish luncheon at one o'clock Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Chambers, route one. Cars will leave from the church at eleven-thirty o'clock in the morning.

MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Homesteaders club will meet Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilcox for a six-thirty o'clock potluck supper.

REBEKAHS TO MEET

The Eugene Rebekah lodge will

Calendar

Tuesday
 8:30 p. m.—Supper for division five of M. E. Aid at home of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Norton.

Wednesday
 All-day meeting of Women's Guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church, parish house.

All-day meeting of Women's Council of First Christian church, at church.

12 noon—Weekly luncheon and golf day for women at Country club.

6:30 p. m.—Potluck supper for Homesteaders club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilcox.

6:30 p. m.—Artisans picnic, Skinner Butte park.

8 p. m.—Rebekah lodge meeting, I. O. O. F. temple.

meet Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at the I. O. O. F. hall. The new officers will be in charge of the entertainment, games and refreshments, with Mrs. Della Wendt as the chairman.

ARTISANS TO PICNIC

The Artisans lodge has arranged a picnic supper at the Skinner Butte park Wednesday evening at six-thirty o'clock. The lodge is furnishing coffee. There will be a baseball game and all Artisans are invited to attend.

TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The regular all-day meeting of the Women's Council of the First Christian church will be held Wednesday at the church.

GUILD MEETING

The Women's Guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church will meet for its all-day gathering at the parish house on Wednesday, Mrs. I. D. S. Wade and Miss Edna Swartz will be in charge of the covered dish luncheon. July birthdays will be observed.

FAMILY REUNION

The Dorey family is having a reunion and meeting at the Skinner Butte park Sunday, July 19.

The union dinner will be served at 6 o'clock and the business meeting program is planned to start at thirty o'clock.

MISSIONARY MEETING

The Women's Missionary of United Lutheran church will Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Edwin W. 1321 Lincoln street. The subject of the afternoon is "New Frontiers" with Mrs. Wellman as leader.

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