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"A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY"

OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY PROBLEMS

Just as our new county library service is receiving an enthusiastic welcome, and just as the circulation figures for our Eugene Public Library hit an all-time high (approximately 118,000) there comes word that the entire library program is in grave danger.

The City Fathers face the harrowing problem of meeting that deficit of \$250,000 plus in the special improvement bond account which came in depression when so many property owners just gave up trying to meet taxes. Either the city must levy an additional 3 or 4 mills a year for the next few years (which could have been prevented if the water board had accepted any reasonable plan of payments in lieu of taxes) or it must hack all expenses. The axe hangs over the City Library.

The County Fathers face no such financial crisis. They are contributing only \$3,645 to this year's experimental setup with the state library and WPA to establish the county bookmobile service, but they are reported not very enthusiastic about the more generous appropriations which ought to be made by the county to balance city and state and federal contributions to the new setup.

So if library users in city or in country want to prevent some budgetary disasters this fall, it's up to them to make themselves heard.

Although it may seem confusing, we discuss the city and county libraries together because they can't really be separated. You recall about a year ago, our rural neighbors were kicking to beat the cars because the Eugene City Library had put a \$1 charge on non-resident cards. This charge was dropped when the county service was established because the two services help each other in many ways.

The City Library loaned the county one of its most experienced librarians, Thelma Neaville. It helped find space for the county books over in the city hall. One of the assistants in the county project is employed by the city's library board. Every effort has been made to coordinate the city and county library service. Much has been done to build up the sadly depleted reference department and the magazine and periodical service and children's rooms in the Eugene Library and the rural people enjoy these facilities on equal terms.

The City Library has never drawn the full 1 mill support to which it is entitled (that would be about \$12,000 a year). In depression, the City Library existed on as little as \$4,905 for 1934. It is drawing only \$10,840 this year. True, it is asking \$16,499 for 1940, but isn't it about time to put it on a respectable basis—especially when the mere purchase of a few up-to-date books has produced record demand?

That deficit in the city's bond account is sad, but we don't think the City Fathers should even try to make it up at the expense of the library or any other necessary service. Under the law, the extra levies must be made to meet this debt and we say let them be made! Perhaps that will make Eugene people understand the tax inequities which are crippling the city's development.

The eventual solution for our library problems is a uniform 1 mill levy everywhere in Lane county to finance town libraries and rural distribution. The groundwork for that has been established. It should not be disturbed by this crisis in bond account with its ramifications in backward taxing methods and utility problems.

We hope the thousands of people who are using this new library setup will be heard from.

THIRD TERM FOR ROOSEVELT (IDEAS)

Some day the smart lads from Hollywood and Broadway will go to the politicians for tips on stagecraft. You've got to hand it to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the master technician, for the build-up which he has started for his third-term campaign.

Not a word (except insults) for White House reporters who have dared to ask him to give the American people a straightforward answer to the question which millions of citizens have been asking. No statement of personal plans or policy which could be discussed with detachment at American firesides.

Instead comes first the warning message to the Young Democrats at their Pittsburgh convocation that "if we nominate conservative candidates or lip service candidates, or a straddle-bug platform, I personally . . . will find it impossible to have any part in the suicide of the old democratic party."

Then the keynote speech of the conven-

tion by Mr. Roosevelt's good pal, Senator Pepper, of Florida, with that interesting climax demanding "a third term for Roosevelt (prolonged cheering) ideas" (sotto voice).

It is miraculous what a mere arrangement of words can do—by accident.

Of course, it would be interesting to know how many of those raucous Young Democrats are beneficiaries of Roosevelt patronage (the Hatch bill isn't clicking yet). It would be interesting to know a good many things about the Pittsburgh sequence.

But as this Hollywood chap told the VLT the other night, it isn't good for the public to know too much about backstage tricks; it spoils the enjoyment of a good show.

The American people can guess at what goes on, but they are asked not to disturb the illusion.

Mr. Roosevelt would have us believe that he is not SEEKING a third term. On the other hand he has warned us recently that if there is a terrible war in Europe or Asia, if millions more are added to our American unemployed, if prosperity lags at the end of his administrations the fault lies not with him but with a dissident Congress.

If from "the people" to whom he so often and so lovingly refers, there comes a clamor for his peerless leadership, what will there be for such a patriot but to accept? No other Hero is in sight. He admits that himself.

Unintentionally, Mr. Roosevelt conveys his lack of faith in the American people, even in what he would call the liberals to carry on by democratic process. In fact the liberal cause suffers by reasons of his unwillingness to stand aside so that principles (which should outlive any man if they are right) may flourish.

We are witnessing human comedy. The old trumper is sad lest no man be born to carry on his act.

IS THERE AN "UNDERSTANDING"?

Persistent reports in and out of Washington for many months have indicated that regardless of Congress, the president and his associates have an "understanding" with Great Britain and France as to what this nation will do in event somebody touches off the powder keg in Europe. In brief the understanding is supposed to be that Britain and France will take on the Rome-Berliners while we restrain Japan in Asia.

The dramatic transfer of the fleet to the Pacific, the notice to Japan that we will set aside the old trade agreement of 1911 and other executive orders indicate that the stubborn gentleman in the White House is determined to make a foreign policy whether Congress likes it or not. The sad fact is that he can come near doing this.

There has been an amazing shift of Roosevelt policy from the original program of internal reforms to world reforms. The offer to hold the status in the Orient while Britain and France crack Der Fuehrer and Il Duce may be just a big hearted gesture but it looks like taking on a mighty dirty and costly job for our young men.

We do not have to go "isolationist" to announce plainly that we will NOT FIGHT OR FINANCE any more wars to save anybody but ourselves. Since nobody, not even Mr. Roosevelt, has been able to think up any formula for neutrality which doesn't create some kind of pussyfoot alliance, perhaps we ought to fall back on these simple rules:

Sell anything we've got to anybody who can come and get it for cash or goods which we can use.

Stand ready to sit in on any sincere effort to reduce trade barriers, cut armies and armaments or otherwise promote international intercourse and good will.

Put our own house in order before we meddle in other folks affairs.

Most of the troubles which the so called democracies are facing they have brought on themselves. We do not have to accept Nazism or Fascism or Communism if we refuse to send our young men into wars for British and French democracies which have imperial backyards which smell.

If the exuberant gentleman in the White House has committed us even informally to any such nonsense as policing Asia, it is time for those of us who still believe that democracy has a chance to begin in America to let out a loud yell.

A Philadelphia pastor has been head of the same church for 45 years. After that long a stretch as a visitor at Ladies' Aid meetings, he ought to have a pretty fair knowledge about everybody in the community.

A Montana jailbird pulled out a cell radiator with his bare hands. Bring that guy around some night next winter when the bedroom radiator is knocking.

Nevada's legislature forgot to enact any taxes for the next year. Members will stage their next campaigns on a "lack of memory" platform.

Research discloses that no new sin has developed in 5000 years. But we're still having a lot of fun with the old ones.



PORT OF AN EMPIRE—All wool and more than a yard wide is this scene at the port of London, England, where wool's being unloaded for later auction sales at the wool exchange. Control of London's 45 miles of deep-water quays is vested in the Port of London Authority, which oversees the clearing of more than 45,000,000 tons of goods annually, carried by 62,000 ships.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

LABOR GOONS VS. EMPLOYER LAWLESSNESS

EUGENE—(To the Editor)—Some day, we trust that the people of Oregon will awaken to the fact that Oregon is a part of the U. S. A. That the U. S. constitution and federal laws apply to Oregon as to other states of the union. We have been passing through an era in Oregon where employers have flouted federal law, wherein ex-governor, iron-pants Martin, exhorted farmers to go after labor organizers with pitchforks, and the law enforcement officers to club them down, and wherein he placed his stamp of approval on employer vigilante groups who chased labor organizers from the city of Baker. We have witnessed the editor of the Eugene Register-Guard lauding the 4L and the IEU and declaring it a legitimate union.

We have watched the press of the state, defend the employers in the formation of company unions and the denial of employee rights to form legitimate unions. City councils, dominated by employer associations have passed unconstitutional strike regulatory ordinances. As a result, certain labor leaders, in their desperation, attempted to fight fire with fire, and were caught in the dragnet of the law, and swift punishment has been meted to them. We have witnessed the people of the state, propagandized by strong employer associations, passing an unconstitutional law to restrict labor unions.

Now, after four years of indiscriminate violation of the National Labor Relations Act, employers who formed the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators Association, have been ordered by the Labor Board to cease their lawlessness and to withdraw recognition of the company dominated IEU and to return all dues collected by the check off system since July 5, 1933. Let us hope that the unconstitutional anti-labor law enacted by the people of Oregon, last fall, under the barrage of employer propaganda, will soon be annulled.

In the U.S.A. employers have a right to close down operations if labor demands conditions which they cannot meet. By the same token labor has a right to refuse to work, to picket and boycott, even in minority groups, if conditions of employment seem unbearable to them. If Oregon is a part of the U. S. A. we must abide by the U. S. Constitution and the Federal laws. Let us hope that Oregon people will realize that we are a part of the U. S. A.

C. A. FADDOCK SR.

COTTAGE GROVE—(To the Editor)—The writer has been much interested in Judge Hurd's little gas scandal. This practice was born and raised to full bloom under the Barnard and Hurd county regime prior to 1932. Referring to one instance, a county foreman in 1931 advised the writer that he was invited to and did take a five-day fishing trip to eastern Oregon. This in a county car of the bridge department, using a county gas script book to pay for the gas. Both of these men, according to published records, were paid their full month's salary for the month in which this trip was taken. Has Mr. Hurd forgotten this?

Has he forgot the campaign in the fall of 1932 when every mile of county roads and about 90 per cent of the barnyards were inspected in a county car. The writer brought up the gas

issue in the primary in 1932 but at that time Mr. Hurd, in a speech at the Eugene chamber of commerce rooms, branded the scheme as not feasible, in fact, being fantastic and cockeyed, and what gas was used was of little consequence.

Now he is all broke out in rash with a holier than thou attitude. But the whole thing smacks of politics, as he has only named one offender, Mr. Stauffer. If Mr. Hurd is honest in this matter, he should name all offenders or none and not kick Judd just because he happens to be a Democrat. If he is honest in this matter, he is to be congratulated, but until he furnishes the public with the names of all who got in on the free gas his motives are open to question.

—M. J. DRURY.

HAY FEVER
 When the mocking birds are singing
 And Spring is in the breeze,
 It brings back my hay fever.
 I sneeze and sneeze and sneeze.

When the goldenrods start blooming
 And soft winds blow thru the trees,
 I would like to sing and whistle
 But I sneeze and sneeze and sneeze.

When there's flowers on the clover
 Covered o'er with busy bees,
 Everybody else goes swimming
 But I sneeze and sneeze and sneeze.

Oh! What a sad vacation
 With vacations I am through,
 What is the use to have them
 When sneezing is all I do.

HENRY CASSITY.

WANTED: A PROGRAM
 EUGENE—(To the Editor)—We are not so particular as to who may formulate the program. The necessity is to have an adequate program to protect the weak, to provide work for every one able to work, and restore opportunity to youth. The greatest evil of this present system of government is interest and profits. High and unreasonable profits drain away the buying power of the masses, and reduces production down to the buying power. Interest is a scheme to make money earn more money without labor.

A hundred years ago the medical doctors used the leech and bled their patients for almost every sickness. Economically we are still continuing the bleeding method for our National ills. Our national currency is the life blood of the nation; and we have given the National Reserve Banks the

authority to deflate and contract the buying power of our people as often as they please. Of course they are making great incomes out of the distresses that the common people are plunged in. This is the real cause of the great depression which has now lasted ten years and plunged our nation into such a debt as will be nearly impossible to ever liquidate.

When money is scarce and high, products and labor are cheap. The labor unions are still holding up the wage scale; but labor saving machinery, and a reduced production has thrown the millions out of employment and driven them into the beggary of relief and the WPA and reduced the farmers of these United States to penance. There are so many of them that have lost their farms and are joining the ranks of the unemployed.

There is a danger point in this vicious circle of making the rich richer, and reducing the masses to the starvation or malnutrition line. I am alarmed that the greed and ambition, love of authority and a great name, will soon begot such a revolution as this world has never before seen.

The right program, is the correct way to restore the buying power to the masses, the right circulation of the money of our nation. It must be sufficient to increase production to put all to work and drive the wolves away from the kitchen doors. No one wants high blood pressure, just a healthy working circulation, instead of the stagnant disease breeding pools called banks.

The common people have been bled so much at this time they cannot borrow money as they have no security to offer the banks. Indeed there is a danger of heart failure. High salaried political jobs. High salaried men everywhere, and millions on the bread line.

The Townsend plan will start the circulation, if only some program will be offered to keep the money circulating instead of piling up in the banks to make the final holocaust or revolution still more terrible. America to be free, must rid herself of the so called leisure class. We cannot borrow ourselves out of poverty. Pay-day comes.

YES our great necessity is an ADEQUATE PROGRAM. O for an Andrew Jackson with the courage of his convictions to take over the control of the money of our country. That no coterie of men may loil in luxury while so many are short of the necessities of life.

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Lane Hop Growers
Going To Corvallis

Lane county hop growers are planning to attend a hops field day program at the state college at Corvallis, August 15. The program will be given in room 105 Memorial Union building beginning at 10 a. m. The program has been revealed at the office of O. S. Fletcher, county agricultural agent. It is as follows:

10:00 a. m.—Registration.
 10:30 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.—Physical and chemical analysis of hops. D. D. Hill, D. E. Bullis.

11:00 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.—Hop insects and their control. H. E. Morrison.

11:30 a. m. to 11:45 a. m.—Downy mildew of hops. G. R. Hoerner.

12:00 noon to 1:30 p. m.—Lunch on at Benton hotel. Dean Wm. A. Schoenfeld, presiding.

1:30 p. m. to 3:15 p. m.—Discussion of breeding, irrigation and cultural experiments and inspection of experimental plots, R. E. Fore.

3:15 p. m. to 3:45 p. m.—Inspection of insect control plots, H. E. Morrison.

3:45 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Inspection of irrigation equipment, F. E. Price.

Victoria Heights
Grade Is Widened

The grade to the new addition to Victoria heights is being widened under a contract entered into this week according to Edward Rostein, owner of the property.

A six-foot widening of the grade will be made, bringing the total width to 24 feet. Work will be completed in a week or 10 days.

Fifty lots are being offered for sale in the scenic new addition, which offers the best view of Eugene and vicinity available. The property is being handled by the Sam Rugh Realty company.

Real Estate Deals
Of 2 Weeks Reported

Several good sized real estate sales have been completed the past two weeks by the Oregon Settlement association. They are listed as follows:

Forty acres near Crow belonging to Margaret Pifer was sold to Mrs. Florence McCarty of San Francisco; 40 acres in Triangle lake district, belonging to Mrs. Fletcher, sold to Steven C. Coran of Peoria, Montana; one-acre home of George Marx at Walterville sold to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Briggs of Springfield; five-acre Erickson tract, near Veneta, sold to H. B. Reitmeyer of Illahee, Oregon; John L. Harpham of Eugene sold his house at 2488 Onyx street to Jennie Bennett of Eugene; Wallace W. King of New Mexico purchased two and one-fourth acres from Frank Need-

ham to add to his acreage on the new highway two miles north of Eugene; Ethel Stone purchased five acres on East Main street in Springfield from Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sederlin.

Mr. Newhouse In
Charge At Williams

Leslie B. Newhouse is acting as manager for the Williams Store, Inc. store here, it was announced Saturday. He has been with the firm since 1932 and has been serving as assistant manager.

In taking over his new duties, Mr. Newhouse stressed the fact that there has been no change in ownership of the Williams store. Recently, a new general manager for the three stores of the company in Oregon was named, J. F. Moore, who formerly was with the Bon Marche stores in Seattle. The three stores continue as establishments at The Dalles, founded in 1870; the Corvallis store and the Eugene store.

Policies of the Eugene store ahead intact, the institution will continue to extend its budget plan and its 30-day credit system, Mr. Newhouse stated. The personnel continues the same and the store will carry along with all its same lines, he added.

Newspaper Man
Ousted From Italy

ROME, Aug. 12.—(AP)—E. Ekins, Rome bureau manager of the United Press, was expelled from Italy today by order of Premier Benito Mussolini.

Ekins and his wife, who came to Rome only a month ago, left on the Paris Express at 11:30 p. m. accompanied by two plainclothesmen who rode to the border in the coach behind them.

Mrs. Winchell to Be
Speaker For Circle

SPRINGFIELD, Aug. 12.—(Special)—Mrs. George P. Winchell will speak at the meeting of Circle No. 2 of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church August 23 at the home of Mrs. Walter Goss, acting chairman of the circle. Mrs. Winchell will discuss her recent trip to New York City and other points by way of the Panama canal.

City Council Meeting
Planned For Monday

SPRINGFIELD, Aug. 12.—(Special)—The city council will hold its regular meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the hall. Routine matters will be discussed.

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