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SALEM MAY TRY CASH RESERVES

Taxpayers of Salem are voting today on a 6 mill special tax levy for five years to build up cash reserves for their post-war school construction. It will be a special election which means that the vote probably will be small, but if Salem goes to "cash financing" it should give great impetus to the plan which so far has had its tryouts here in Eugene.

Portland school district is also contemplating asking for special levies instead of bonds to build up a post-war reserve. Many other cities and counties are toying with the idea. All over the state there has been great interest in what has been done in Lane county, but public officials have been a bit "gun shy." It always seems so much easier to ask voters to approve more bonds.

We sincerely hope that Salem will join the "cash parade," because a new pattern of public finance is needed all over the country. If Oregon cities establish a new and sound pattern of public finance, you may be sure that it will be copied in many parts of the country. And in the great battle to preserve the independence and integrity of local self-government, nothing is more important.

As you know, the voters of Eugene by 10 to 1 approved the 7 mill 5-year levy for the new high school project at the election last June. At the primaries on May 19, the county will ask for at least 3 mills for 5 years for bridges, roads and possibly a new courthouse, and the city of Eugene will probably ask for 5 mills for 5 years for rebuilding its sewer system.

That will make a total of 15 mills of post-war special levies added to existing tax structures and all over the country people ask:

"What kind of people do you have there who will vote to tax themselves that way?"

The answer is that people in Eugene and Lane county are just ordinary sensible Americans such as can be found in any American community. Only difference is that people here have become conscious of the high cost of borrowing for public improvements. For more than 20 years they have been analyzing their tax structures. They found that DEBT SERVICE was eating up about 40 cents of every tax dollar, leaving not enough to operate properly. They asked themselves this question:

"Why should a city, county, school district or any other public body be allowed to borrow 100 percent every time it buys something? No private business could do that and live. No citizen can do it and stay solvent."

By getting our bonded debts paid off and applying just a part of the money which used to go for debt service to earmarked cash reserves for useful projects, we can do all the things that need doing and do them more cheaply and still keep our total property tax within or very close to 50 mills (on 50 percent assessment ratio). In most of the cities and counties of the United States, the taxes today are two or three times our taxes—even with post-war levies added.

In Minneapolis the other day, an important business man said:

"Last year our city council issued \$300,000 in 20-year bonds to keep the welfare department running—an operating expense."

Think of it! We would be inclined to lynch a city council which did that, but what's wrong in Minneapolis? Nothing is wrong in Minneapolis except that taxpayers there have never learned to ask:

"What makes up this tax bill? What percent of this tax dollar I am paying now goes to pay for bridges, schoolhouses and other landmarks that have been torn down so long the oldest inhabitant can't remember them?"

It should be of enormous concern to Southern Pacific (which pays some \$250,000 a year property taxes in Lane county) to know whether the tax dollar is well spent or whether a big chunk of it goes to "dead horse"—and it should be a personal concern to every employee because "dead money comes out of wage scales." Business men up and down the land for generations have been blissfully indifferent to sound management of places where they do business, but in the post-war they are going to have to be interested.

It is our belief that in time an "established sound practice" in public finance will be recognized in all parts of the nation. The borrowing power, so far as possible, must be reserved for real emergencies. With effective DEBT CONTROL, it may be possible to determine that a certain ratio, say one-third of the total tax structure shall at all times be dedicated and earmarked to future improvements and construction.

That is the ultimate significance of what has graciously been called "the Lane county plan," or the "Eugene plan," but we hope that as Salem, Portland and other Oregon communities come in, it will be an Oregon pattern, widely copied. There is no better contribution we could make to the future of the nation.

There is a great cry for "high minded men" in public office, but the first problem is to get the high minded guys to understand what "us low brows" think.

In these troubled times, it is interesting to know that Liberty is still standing in New York harbor and in Lane County politics is crowded by the 20th annual B-league tournament.

Eminent economist points out that the big post-war problem is not production but distribution, but some of the Nudal boys are doing their best to attend to that.

McGurk says that the chief problem of the GOP is not who's going to be the candidate but whether he's going to be a Republican. Down South the problem is simpler; they know it won't be a Democrat.

Three men were pinched for sleeping in an Illinois movie theater. The picture could have been any one of several we've seen lately.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

BIG READJUSTMENT PROBLEM

Charges by Russ Nixon, Washington representative of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, C.I.O., that 50,000 workers in small arms ammunition plants would be laid off before April 1 through war contract cancellations and cutbacks today focuses attention on one of the toughest of the readjustment problems faced by War and Navy Department, War Production Board and War Manpower Commission officials.

These officials, while admitting that Nixon had put his finger on one of their worst headaches, deny his charges that in scheduling cutbacks and layoffs, War report proposals for planned reconversion were being violated, that no consideration was given to manpower allocations, that most efficient plants were closed down while least efficient plants were kept in operation, that preference was shown for privately-owned plants over government-owned plants, that preference was shown to the older and more established plants in the east over newer plants in the middle west.

Specific layoffs which Nixon listed were these: 14,000 at U.S. Cartridge Co., St. Louis, Mo. (government). 2800 at Western Cartridge Co., East Alton, Ill. (private). 5900 at Twin City Ordnance, Minneapolis, Minn. (government). 6000 at Evansville Ordnance, Evansville, Ind. (private). 4000 at Des Moines Ordnance, Des Moines, Ia. (government). 5500 at Denver Ordnance, Denver, Colo. (government). 1500 at Remington Arms, Bridgeport, Conn. (private).

Various Ammunition Types

While these figures are confirmed by War Department and Manpower officials, they do not appear to tell the whole story, and a closer look at the entire small arms production picture today helps clarify this situation and illustrates some of the problems that keep procurement, production and manpower officials in a sweat, not just in this one industry, but in all war plants.

There are three sizes and three types of small arms ammunition—30, 45 and .50-caliber ball, armor-piercing and incendiary. Not all plants make all types, but some make more than one.

Demands for the various types vary with the tactical situation. Some campaigns use less than was anticipated, and surpluses develop. When surplus production regardless of where it may hit, to save the taxpayers money, or keep on full production to keep people employed?

Total employment in all small arms ammunition plants as of January 31 was 92,700. Total cutbacks scheduled must, unfortunately, lay off 41,300 men, or about 45 percent of the working force.

On cutbacks in the industrial east, which are in Class I, critical manpower shortage areas, layoffs at Remington in Bridgeport will be from 3300 to 1800, at Winchester in New Haven from 3800 to 1100. The total layoffs will be 4200 out of 7100, or a 60 percent layoff, which is greater than the cut in the west. Both these cutbacks, it should be pointed out, are in private plants.

That does not appear to be the whole story, either. In July, 1943, employment on small arms ammunition at Winchester was 8700, soon to be cut to 1100, or over 80 percent; while employment at Remington was 12,000, soon to be cut to 1800, or 85 percent. So the east, in tight manpower areas, has taken more of a cut than the middle west.

The four government-owned plants at St. Louis, Salt Lake City, Denver and Minneapolis, employing 60,000 out of 92,000 small arms ammunition workers, will be cut back to 34,000, or 37 percent.

War supply is admittedly the most tickle business in the world. Readjustment of these varying demands isn't easy. In the process some people are going to get hurt. A perfect solution to every situation may not be possible, but this today is the number one problem of the production Executive Committee, made up of the top procurement officials in Washington.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

WHEN IS IT IGNORANCE?

A poorly veiled embarrassment comes to the faces of certain friends of mine when they hear me admit that I've never been to a cocktail party; when they find I don't know the meaning of the word "lively interest on a menu"; when I look with lively interest on, and perhaps make even livelier remarks about, certain pieces of silverware by my plate of whose use I'm ignorant.

So it is that in order to maintain the self confidence so vital if one is to remain happy, I think on the things I do know; such as the time of year and the likely places one is apt to find the coral mushroom; where a junco builds its nest; how to find and prepare Indian lettuce and what are the edible wild greens.

I know that many human beings in fur coats are as apt to feel frustrated in living as are those wearing ragged sweaters and often I recognize the signs of this though I may be "asinus ad bryam" when dealing with silverware; or menus; or cocktails. I know that bragging is evidence of a feeling of inferiority; that a pretty woman walks with a fear of a homely one never knows—the fear of losing that for which her husband may have married her.

Too, I know the small ways of small people; my people. How to make rice pudding without eggs; how to substitute vinegar for lemon juice in recipes; if one cannot afford lemons. I know that the tops of wooden sox, when whipped together, can be substituted for wool comforter filling when one is unable to buy and that the outer leaves of broccoli make fine greens.

Perhaps I should spend more time with Emily Post and less with Thoreau, Burroughs, Carrel, and Grayson. Emily could tell me what fork to use when; how to enter a ball room; the length of a formal call. Yet I have but one fork, was never in a ball room and I don't call—I go for the day.

You may know the specific gravities of the various liquors and so be able to fashion a ribboned cocktail. This may please your eye. But have you ever noticed the vermiculated beauty of a golden-eye's plumage or the lovely coordinated swing of a young girl's limbs as she goes down the road? or the deft surety of a lad at the steering wheel of a truck? These are the colorful layers of the cocktail of life, than which there is no headier beverage.

What to do with a spoon which ends in a fork? I don't know. Let's have a dinner sandwich.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

WELFARE LEAGUE NAMES COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the Welfare League last week the nominating committee was named to report at the next meeting. On the committee are Mrs. David B. Evans, Mrs. V. H. Davis, and Mrs. John Walker.

Mrs. C. A. Leighty and Mrs. George Hopkins were welcomed back as active members of the League.

Reports revealed a total of 229 hours put in at the Red Cross by members, with 151 stitched abdominal dressings made. The League has now completed its total on this type of dressings and this week has begun work on a new type.

MASON-WORNER WEDDING MARCH 4

On Saturday, March 4 at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Linton A. Darby, Springfield, the marriage of Miss Helen Louise Horner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levitt D. Horner of Triangle Lake, to John H. Mason, United States army, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Mason of Chillicothe, Ohio, was solemnized, Rev. Leroy Crossley, pastor of the Baptist church in Springfield officiating.

Miss Cloydine Darby and Baron R. Coffman, Jr., United States army, of Billings, Montana, were attendants. The double ring ceremony was used.

The bride, dressed in powder blue with pearl accessories, was given in marriage by her father.

Guests at the wedding were Miss Dorothy DeRoss, Carlyle Darby, Mr. and Mrs. Levitt D. Horner, Mrs. LeRoy Crossley, Mr. and Mrs. Linton A. Darby. After the ceremony a reception was held.

The rooms were decorated with daffodils and ferns with an altar background of lighted candles.

The bride, a graduate of Triangle Lake high school, is a senior at the University of Oregon school of music, and has been a member of the University symphony orchestra for several years. She is also a member of Phi Beta, music and drama honorary on the campus, and was music instructor at the Sweet Home union high school last year.

SON IS BORN

Lt. and Mrs. John Doerr Rogers of Glendale, Calif., have announced the birth of a son, John Doerr Rogers, Jr., on March 6 at Glendale. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rogers, 2187 University street, Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Galvin of Glendale.

Lt. Rogers recently completed work in a survey course, field artillery school, Fort Sill, Okla., and has returned to his division, the 104th, at Indio, Calif. Mrs. Rogers is the former Mary Jean Galvin of Glendale.

GUILD ELECTS

Officers were elected by the Evening Service guild of the First Congregational church Monday evening, meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Pauline Napier. Mrs. Napier was named president, Miss Eleanor Skene, vice president, and Miss Nellie Moore, secretary-treasurer. Plans for future work were discussed. Miss A. Graham led devotions. The next meeting will be with Miss Skene.

THETA RHO CLUBS

A district meeting of Theta Rho clubs will be held Wednesday evening at seven o'clock, at the I.O.O.F. hall, with Eugene club as hostess group. The district includes Corvallis, Creswell, Cottage Grove and Roseburg, as well as Eugene. A class of candidates will be given formal initiation at the session, and refreshments will be served afterward. Advisers of the local club, assisted by Eugene Rebekahs, are in charge of the refreshments. All Rebekahs are invited to attend the meeting.

AUXILIARY MEETS

Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors met for regular business, following a six o'clock potluck dinner at the Knights of Pythias hall Sunday evening. A committee for the next meeting was appointed, consisting of Mrs. H. A. West, Mrs. E. A. Wood and Mrs. H. C. Fair.

INITIATION HELD

Mrs. William Peterson was initiated as a new member of the

Articles Needed At Hospital Listed

A special call has come to the county camp and hospital committee of the Lane county chapter, American Red Cross, asking for games and other items for the hospital at Camp Adair, reports Mrs. C. A. Huntington, committee chairman.

Cribbage boards, chess games, checkers, etc., are asked.

An urgent appeal has been made for scraps of yarn, which are used for rehabilitation and handicraft work at the hospital; also, an appeal is being made for a portable record player, which plays modern recordings, Mrs. Huntington says.

Anyone having any of these items to donate may leave them at the local Red Cross office.

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At a recent session of that railroad auxiliary group.

SURPRISE PLANNED AT GIRL SCOUT EVENT

Loy W. Rowling, chief leader, former Eugene chamber of commerce president, honorary council member of Eugene Girl Scouts, has a new title—he's now a "master magician."

Next Sunday, March 12 at three o'clock at Roosevelt junior high school, "Magician" Rowling will make his first public appearance in his new role. He will be assisted by six Girl Scouts. Eugene Girl Scouts, 607 strong, flanked by parents and 118 adult volunteers, will meet then to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of Girl Scouts, and the second such meeting in Eugene.

From a three-foot, white iced cake, two stories high, "Magician" Rowling will bring out some real surprises. That's about all that can be said right now without giving away the "magician's" act.

MOVING TO SALEM

Word has been received by Eugene friends that Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McCormick, formerly of Eugene, are moving Saturday next from Baker to Salem, their address to be Kingwood Drive, Salem. They expect to be in Eugene next Monday and Tuesday. Mr. McCormick is taking over the operation of the Salem radio station.

SANTA CLARA CLUB REPORTS ON MEETING

SANTA CLARA.—The Santa Clara Women's club met Friday afternoon. Mrs. Jessie Williams was a visitor. The ladies tied a quilt for the children's farm home. Mrs. James Cadman asked that more 6 1/2-inch square wool pieces be brought to the next meeting for another quilt.

The following club members will help in the Red Cross drive: Mrs. E. C. Hart, Mrs. C. P. Hart, Mrs. C. P. Richards, Mrs. C. A. Du Rette, Mrs. Harry Cadore, Mrs. A. E. Denton, Mrs. John Gregory. Two dollars were voted to the Red Cross. Club members were asked to bring their donations for the Alice Marie home to the April meeting. Hostesses will be Mrs. O. K. Baldwin, Mrs. V. C. Jones, and Mrs. C. G. Sweet.

QUOTARIANS PLAN FOR SPRING CONFERENCE

At the luncheon meeting of the Eugene Quota club, Monday noon, plans were discussed for the spring district conference to be held in Tacoma, April 22 and 23. Twenty-six members attended the Monday session.

Copies of Quota uacks, bulletin, were distributed. Mrs. Harold Jensen, Mrs. A. J. Sundahl, and Mrs. Perry Walbridge were appointed on the Quota Quacks committee for March. Mrs. Emilie A. Lundy is the official printer for the bulletin.

Next meeting will be a dinner on March 20. Arrangements are not yet made, but Mrs. Walbridge will have charge of decorations.

Murphy Assailants Sent to Prison

Two Bremerton, Wash., men were under state penitentiary sentences of seven and five years at Dallas Tuesday for the shooting of a former police officer of Eugene, Karl Murphy.

They are Samuel Wells Jr., and Clarence Larson. On January 14 they robbed Stone's service station in Eugene, on south Williamette at the Lorane highway junction. Making their escape north by Byron Dyson, San Francisco, they were stopped at Rickreall by State Policemen Murphy, who was wounded in the ensuing fracas. The three men, all sailors, pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Dyson was given a seven-year sentence.

WAVES Recruiter Here

Joan Obidine, recruiting specialist 3-c for the WAVES, who is here this week in recruiting service at the Eugene navy recruiting station, will be available for appearances before girl organizations or other groups, to explain qualifications and opportunities of service in the WAVES, it is announced.

She is also open to appointments regarding WAVES enlistment daytimes or evenings. Appointments can be made either in person or by calling telephone 1322.

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RECENT BRIDE IS HONORED AT PARTY

Mrs. Leroy Chase entertained last week at a party and shower for Miss Belva Holm, who was married Saturday to Arthur McMillan, at her home on the McKenzie.

Attending the party were Miss Holm, her mother, Mrs. Carl Holm; Mrs. Orren Burkhardt, Mrs. Raymond Aird, Mrs. Ernest Hammock, Mrs. Walter Lee, Mrs. Charles Bolerjack, Mrs. Ivan Brown, Mrs. Charles Kintzley, Mrs. DeMora Relyes, Mrs. Curtis Miller, Mrs. Martin Myers, Mrs. Homer Hammock, Mrs. Horace Blood, Mrs. Bill Allum, Mrs. Edith Thrasher, Mrs. Ella Thrasher, Mrs. Alfred Peterson, Mrs. Bob Gamblin, Mrs. Raymond Blood, Mrs. John Fredericks, Mrs. Earl Myers, and the hostess.

MISS DOROTHY GOOD NOW IN MARINES

Miss Dorothy M. Good, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester I. Good, 1610 Oak street, Eugene, was enlisted in the marine corps women's reserve March 1.

Miss Good is employed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, as an operator in its Eugene office. She is a graduate of Eugene high school.

She is preceded in service by two brothers, Major Donald E. Good of the army air forces, and Ensign Robert C. Good of the navy air corps. This makes the Good family represented in all three branches of the armed forces.

Miss Good will be home in Eugene in an inactive status for a few weeks when she will be ordered to active duty and training at Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina.

MEETING WEDNESDAY

Meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Church of the Nazarene will be Wednesday afternoon, postponed from last week, and will be held at three o'clock. Mrs. Merlin Mesman and Mrs. E. C. Barham will present a special program, "Native Workers in Mission Fields," and regular study will be led by Mrs. Herman L. G. Smith.

Lenten Thought

"THE SHIP THAT FOUND HERSELF"

"From whom the whole body fitly joined together by that which every joint supplieth maketh increase of the body... with due activity of each part." (Moffatt). Ephesians 4:16. Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

Paul's figure of speech rather gets out of hand—that happens even to Apostles—but his meaning is clear: Unity in variety, freedom in cooperation. Rudyard Kipling wrote a story once of a little freighter on her first trans-Atlantic voyage. She ran into bad weather and every part of her complicated structure and mechanism complained to sky and sea. No part would allow any play to any other part until the wind and the waves supplied her and taught even the rivets to allow something to the plates. As she came into harbor they all discovered that they were parts of a marvelous and coordinated whole; they had learned to work together "with due activity of each part." Civilization and souls will find themselves when they learn that secret and practice it.

Prayer: O God of Nations, we pray for a world spirit in which to dwell in our land. Forgive us that we ask too much for ourselves and grant us grace so to live and labor together that, having discovered the unity of the spirit in our vision we may demonstrate it in our fellowship to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

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January Store Sales Beat 1943, Report

Eugene independent retail store sales were 25 per cent higher in January than in the same month a year ago, and were 34 per cent under those of December, it was announced Tuesday by the bureau of the census.

For the state the average retail store sales were 13 per cent higher for January over a year ago but showed a drop of 30 per cent in January over December.

William Lush, chairman of the retail merchants division of the Eugene chamber of commerce, in commenting on the bureau figures, explained that the January drop over December sales is natural due to the heavy volume of Christmas buying. Chairman Lush, however, disagreed over the January comparison with last year. Twenty five per cent is way too much, a ten per cent increase would be more nearly normal, the retail chairman suggested.

It was Lush's opinion that retail sales will get tighter in the future. Deliveries of goods are somewhat slower than formerly due to transportation priority of war materials, he said.

Hearings on New Lumber Codes Set

According to word received from Salem, Robert M. Evenden and Charles McBea, director and assistant director of the accident prevention division of the state industrial accident commission will be in Eugene Thursday and Friday of this week to conduct hearings for the new Oregon safety codes pertaining to sawmills and logging.

These hearings will be held in the grill room of the Osborn hotel beginning at 9:30 each morning. Thursday's meetings will pertain to the logging safety code while the discussions Friday will concern the sawmill industry.

In keeping with the enlarged accident prevention program which was recently adopted by the state industrial accident commission, both the logging and sawmill safety codes have been brought up to date and many

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