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FIRST STEP IN AREA PROGRAM

Conservative are the boundaries fixed for the proposed Chambers-Westmoreland annexation proposal and this is wise. Deliberately the committee omitted that little "Friendly street hill" section which lies south from the fairgrounds between the east line of the old airport and the present west boundary of the city in that section. Logically this little area and many others should be considering "joining up," but each little area has its own peculiar problems and it is wise to proceed step by step.

In every case the question of "coming in" or "staying out" is one which can be solved only by calm consideration of definite facts. These questions must be met in every fast growing suburb:

1. How are we going to get adequate sewers, water supply, police and fire protection and all necessary urban facilities?
 2. Can we do this more cheaply as separate special districts, or will it be cheaper in the long run to become a part of the city?
- The figures can be had. The problems are not matters for emotional thinking. Actually we are all one community. The problem is NOT one of "making Eugene bigger" or getting "a bigger population figure" for the census. The problem is the making of a community which is definitely BETTER in all of its parts—sound and healthy, a good place to live in and work.

It is becoming more and more obvious that we need some form of INTEGRATION for the entire URBAN AREA. Within 6 miles we now have at least 43,000 population. We have more than 30 separate little "governments." We have at least three different school patterns. We have many variations in sanitary conditions, fire and police protection. We all need a long-range water supply. We have many common problems on which the Central Lane Planning Council is trying to find the approach. And although annexation is undoubtedly cheapest and best in some cases it is not always the answer.

Every growing city in the country is wrestling with these "area problems." In Oregon, one of the obvious needs is an enabling act—which should be ready for the 1945 legislature—to permit suburban areas which are still semi-rural to become a functioning part of a city without being taxed for more than they get. You might state the problem this way:

When any area really becomes urban, that is closely built up, it requires full city services and then there is a definite saving by annexation because business property pays more than half of all normal taxes. But there is an intermediate stage where the suburban area gets only partial city service where it should be included in community program but not taxed except for what service it gets.

We now have 43,000 people within 6 miles. It is quite possible that by 1960 we shall have 100,000 within 6 miles. It is extremely important to work together to see that development is sound and clean. We can save money by looking ahead to prevent costly mistakes.

STOP FIRES! KEEP 'EM GROWING!

Another and an interesting chapter in the argument over reforestation is contributed today by Jim Stevens, who writes our "Out of the Woods" column. This is his answer to Corporal E. P. McKean-Smith, now in England, who recently sent a challenge to the theory of "sustained yield"—growing trees as fast as you cut:

"I'd hesitate to argue with an overseas soldier if it were not for the fact that the one in question is a corporal while I am an old sergeant. Though retired, I still won't take no dad-blasted backtalk from no corporal—whup! There's that crack in my back again, warning me not to pound this typewriter too violently."

Actually there's no argument—as yet—between Corporal McKean-Smith and myself. He writes: "I know of no statistics that prove we are growing timber faster than we are cutting it, and certainly of no method of logging or forestry that will ever allow us to replace the virgin old growth once it is logged." What I said in my May 17 column, "Out of the Woods," as published in the Register-Guard, was: "More timber is growing than ever before, simply because the acreage of stagnant or decadent old-growth timber is reduced each year, and this is replaced, where fire is kept out—with rapidly growing young trees."

"I am, as you surmise, 'indoctrinated' with the lumberman's optimism about lumber crops. But this optimism of mine also has a source in the professional opinion of at least 90 per cent of the technically trained foresters of the country on the prodigious potential capacity of American forest lands to grow trees. Just about the only foresters of the U. S. Forest Service who are pessimistic on this score are those who have become political gumbos (megalogaster reprecusius) in the swivel chair forests on the Potomac. My column of May 17 dug up some ancient history to show that as early as 1819 other old-time foresters were making dire predictions on forest exhaustion. All such have gone wide of the mark, including Pinchot of 1908."

"Today annual growth cannot be as great as the annual cut in America's forests because so much of the forest land is yet occupied by saw timber—1.7 trillion, or 1,700 billion, board feet. Potential annual growth cannot be realized until stagnant stands of old timber have been removed."

"The Tree Farms program of the forest indus-

tries, and the Keep Oregon Green movement of the forest protection agencies—there are two great milestones of forestry progress. Why can't we all go along together, in order, harmony and good will, without more Federal prohibitory laws, unchained and unclubbed, to other progress peaks in forestry? There's nothing in the way but the political gumbos of the swivel chair woods."

Yours sincerely,

JIM STEVENS.

We doubt if this will settle the argument. As we remember it Corporal McKean-Smith called for "figures to prove." Maybe Mr. Stevens could dig deeper into his files and find some sustaining data. Maybe some of our foresters, federal or state, have some figures. From the curbstone, our observation is that "sustained yield" is certainly a vast improvement on the old methods of "stripping and abandoning."

Also, it is our observation that the chief problem in reforestation is STOPPING FIRES! Especially during the early stages of growth when the young trees, the seedlings are pushing up through the brush. The so-called "brush fires" are more dangerous to new timber than the fires in full grown forest.

We have heard old timers like Faye Abrams dispute the theory of "selective logging"—plucking out the "ripe trees" and leaving the rest for seed, although they grant that seed trees help in areas which have been cut or burned extensively.

But there is one point on which old timers, foresters and all seem to agree and that is—if you keep fire out, the new trees will come. Right here in Lane county you can see many areas which have come back in the last 20 years. Nevertheless this question remains:

"Can vast areas be kept in continuous growth to keep pace with the nation's needs for wood harvest?"

Perhaps not enough time has elapsed for us to know definitely. The huge tree farms which are now being set apart (three more will be dedicated in this month) represent an intelligent approach to the problem. But very few of us will live to see them harvested. Very few of us will live to see if the "blocking out" of timber around major mills will accomplish all that is claimed.

The problem keeps coming back to FIRE CONTROL. For our time, at least, that is the basic approach.

"WHEN WILL THE WAR END?"

Having smashed German resistance in Normandy, General Montgomery anticipates and parries the questions of eager war correspondents by putting it up to them:

"When will the war end?" General Montgomery might have said: "The soldier can have only one attitude. He must fight now as though the war had just begun. He cannot count any chickens before they are in the frying pan."

So far as war production is concerned the same rule must apply on the home front. However, on the home front we cannot be preoccupied with war reports to the exclusion of preparation for what comes after victory.

That is why Congressmen are being called back to speed up legislation for reconversion of war plants and prompt settlement of war contracts—of vast importance to prevent terrible spasms of unemployment.

Nor can we lose any time in preparing for all the complicated personal problems of war readjustment. In Lane county and in every other community the machinery must be set up to see that GI Joe gets what he wants, which is nothing more than a FAIR CHANCE.

Already more than 700 men have been returned to Lane county, and soon will come the "deluge." The time is here NOW to examine what we have done and consider what more we must do.

It is not enough to have \$4,000,000 in cash reserves for public works, or additional millions in "private works." Nor can everything be left to the GI Bill of Rights. Here are some keen observations of a visitor last week:

"Your weak spot is in preparation for these personal problems. The plan to set up a large and representative advisory committee to work with the returned veteran is good, but you are going to need the best person you can get to advise on the many problems of vocational and professional guidance. You will need not only competent medical help for many cases but expert psychiatric guidance. You are going to need a setup which will not intrude into the veteran's private life but one to which he can turn for real help and not pious bunk."

The war will not end when we camp in Berlin and Tokyo, nor for many difficult years after that. The fighting will stop. Then will come the much more difficult problems of making sure the fight was not lost. Our part in that begins with men coming back.

And once upon a time there was a funny little pot-bellied guy named Mussolini. Wouldn't it be fitting to turn him over to Heile Selassie, the Lion of Judah?

Some of the politicians who have been telling about "what the boys will do when they come home" might be wise to start figuring out their retirement pensions.

A man bigger than you is never a liar—he's merely mistaken.

Mail Bag

THE AUTHOR

JUNCTION CITY (To the Editor): The poem in Sunday's Edition of the Mail Bag entitled "Panorama of Italy" and sent home by W. M. Cox was composed by Capt. Frank Kastle of Yukon, Oklahoma. Frank is a brother-in-law of Capt. Lane McFadden, who is my son, and now stationed with a veterinary detachment in India.

"Panorama of Italy" was published in Frank's home town paper about two months ago, and a copy was sent to me at that time.

MRS. B. L. McFADDEN

KABLER

CRESWELL (To the Editor): This letter is neither for nor against any political party or any candidate. It is designed to illustrate in a poor way perhaps, a fable I read in Webster's Blue Back Speller nearly three score and ten years ago. The title of the fable was "It depends upon whose ox is gored."

In the state of Oregon lives a good citizen whom I will call Conscientious, and for short abbreviate his name Con.

Con was and is a small farmer who knows how to swing a hammer, push a plane and pull a saw; so, two or three years ago, hearing about the big wages offered carpenters in shipyards and war plants, decided to turn Dobbins and the cow out to pasture, put hoe, rake, plow and harrow in the shed, send his wife to stay a year or so with her mother, and go himself to a war industry city.

In the city he learned that any and all kinds of carpenters were wanted. The pay would be one-forty an hour for a forty hour week with two-forty per hour for overtime. At that rate he could earn at least \$56 per week, and as there are 52 weeks in a year, \$2,912 would be his yearly stipend. That was more money than Con had ever earned in any three years of his life.

Dobbins and the cow might die two or three times but he would still be a lot of dollars ahead and for that amount the wife might be able to get along with her mother. But—that little word that turns up so often in life—since Con belonged to no labor organization he would have to get a work permit at a cost of \$80 and pay \$10 per month dues to some labor organization. That would make a total of \$180 per year for grease to grease the skids.

When Con was thus informed, he tore his hair and swore "I'll be darned if I pay for a job. I don't care for the 160 plunks. It's the principle of the thing that gets my goat. I'll go home, get up Dobbins and the cow, get out the hoe, rake and plow, send for Mary and proceed to make a conscientious living, if a poor one."

He did just that. Radio stations and newspapers hearing about Con and his conscientiousness praised him highly, called him a hero and predicted that movie or talkie companies would come up from Hollywood to shoot pictures of him, Dobbins, the cow and perhaps Mary.

According to Ray's Arithmetic which I studied along with the Blue Back Speller, "To find the rate divide the percentage by the base." In Con's case the base is \$2912, the percentage is \$180. Follow Ray's formula, P divided by B equals R, and you will get less than seven per cent which Con would have paid for his job had he not been a hero, or a conscientious fellow. That, folks, is Ox No. 1.

Now look at Ox No. 2. In May we had what is called a primary election. There was nothing in the Blue Back Speller or Ray's Arithmetic about that, so I shall have to jump from them to the Ore. Sec. of State to get my dope. According to reports filed in the office, W, X, Y, and Z were candidates for the office of U. S. senator. I'll skip W and Z, paying attention to X and Y only.

The term of office for senators is six years for the salary \$10,000 per year, or a total of \$60,000, and his backers reported that they spent in X's interest during the campaign some \$23,000 which is about 40 per cent of the total six years' salary. Y has served as senator six years and has or will have collected \$60,000 in salary. He and his backers reported that they spent some \$16,000 in his behalf during the campaign. That is more than 25 per cent of his salary against Con's measly seven per cent that he refused to pay. Y is out of the race. It might cost X another 25 thousand to win the privilege of collecting the salary.

What a hullabaloo would the politicians put up if X would swear "I'll be darned if I buy a job. I'll go back to the law building, get out my law books and note books and make a poor but conscientious living."

He would be a hero and there is no doubt about Hollywood shooting his picture and giving him a real job.

KABLER.

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EUGENE—(To the Editor)—This may seem like a funny complaint but it seems a person can't pick up a paper or magazine any more without seeing a picture or article about what the loggers in Canada are doing to speed up production. Did it ever occur to anyone that we have a few loggers here, in and around Eugene, who are doing just as much as the Canadians? In May 1st "Life" there is an advertisement about the paper shortage showing a high climber topping a tree which requires "a high degree of nerve, skill and strength." It so happens my husband does a little high climbing himself for the K. S. Lickety Logging Co. and he hasn't appeared in "Life" yet!

In tonight's guard (Friday) it shows a picture of Canadian loggers speeding up production by using a power saw. There are also a few fellows around here using power saws to speed things up. Personally, I am pretty proud of the things our boys are doing for the war effort. So how about giving the Eugene loggers their due? Or is Olive Barber the only one who appreciates a good man?

Sincerely,

MRS. IVAN S. BROWN.

TRUSTING JESUS

Come into my heart Lord Jesus, Stay ever by my side; I need thy hand to guide me home, Across life's ocean wide.

Temptations rise on every hand, To lure my heart from Thee; When thou art near, I have no fear, Blest lamb of Calvary.

I heard Christ say "Come unto me," Find rest unto your soul; I went to Jesus as I was, And He hath made me whole.

O, come to Jesus weary one, Bowed down with grief and fear; Confess your sins and trust in Him, And He will surely hear.

Christ said I am the truth, the life, Who suffered on the cross; Give me your heart, I died for you, That thou should not be lost.

Perceval I. Rust Eugene, Ore.

FOR A CHILD LATELY DEAF

What recompense can a small child have, For the missing of sound that he cannot see? He can keep the flowers and beautiful things, But what can make up for the buzz of the bee? And what of each whistle, horn and bell, That he couldn't see, but he loved so well?

The policeman's whistle, and the popcorn man's The ones at parades, and the ones made of cans, The factories at noon, and the ones with a tune, And what of the church bells that rang at dawn?

The ones on the street cars, and those at school? He can't see them move—and the magic is gone. He will miss music and loving words, The song of the brook, and the chirping of birds, And the sound of the rain. But a child, I know Loves horns, and bells and whistles so!

A READER

Baltimore Sun Will Support Gov. Dewey

BALTIMORE—(AP)—For the third time in 107 years, The Baltimore Sun advocates a republican presidential candidacy, announcing its support of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York for the nation's highest office.

The independent democratic newspaper backed William McKinley against William Jennings Bryan in 1896 and supported Wendell Willkie in 1940 in opposition to a third term for President Roosevelt. The Sun backed Roosevelt in 1932 and announced no choice in 1936.

"Three terms for a president are one too many," the editorial said. "In a fourth term, with the unifying ties of wartime emotion removed, the forces of disintegration which we all know exist would be free to do their worst. The national safety would be compromised."

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Pistol Packin' Pastor Gets 16 Slot Machines In Raid

By WILLIAM C. PAYETTE United Press Staff Correspondent SANTA ANA, Cal.—(AP)—The Rev. Wesley G. Edwards was packing a shooting iron here while the district attorney's office was deciding what to do about the Free Methodist pastor's haul of 16 slot machines from an impromptu swoop around Orange county.

The Rev. Mr. Edwards said he needed the gun to protect himself from reprisals. The police department issued him a permit about the same time Sheriff Jesse L. Elliott was lifting his special deputy badge.

The crusading pastor hadn't informed the sheriff's office in advance about the raid, the sheriff said, and therefore wasn't to be trusted with a badge.

He undertook the raid, the pastor said, only after he was unable to get any cooperation from county authorities. Out of 11 places visited last Thursday night, the Rev. Mr. Edwards and his helpers found eight sporting the gambling contraptions, which they loaded into their automobiles, and drove off with them.

By the time the count had reached 16, the automobiles were full and the raid was halted.

Driving up to the sheriff's office with his load, the pastor was told there was no place to put them. The pastor stored the \$15,000 worth of equipment himself. The sheriff agreed to take it over yesterday.

He would, the sheriff said, call on the district attorney to see if he thought there was any evidence of gambling before issuing complaints against the places listed in the pastor's little book.

The Rev. Mr. Edwards said he thought \$15,000 worth of slot machines was quite a bit of evidence and asked State Attorney General Robert Kenny to see what it looked like to him.

Kenny was in Mexico City, but asked his chief special deputy, J. H. McClelland, to have a look. "He will find," said the pastor, "that they look just like slot machines."

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