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### Clackamas County Pioneers

Oregon City, the county seat of Clackamas county, was one of the first cities in Oregon to adopt the manager plan of city administration, and the results have been excellent. It follows rather naturally that Clackamas county will be the first Oregon county to vote on a county charter setting up a manager plan for the operation of county government (under the enabling act adopted by the 1945 legislature).

Nevertheless the proposition that "what's good for Oregon City ought to be good for Clackamas county" is meeting with considerable opposition, and Clackamas county faces one of the liveliest elections in many years. Incidentally The Oregon City Enterprise, under Walter W. R. May, is doing a bang-up job of presenting all the facts in the situation and the arguments on both sides.

The county manager charter for Clackamas county is extremely simple:

1. Commissioners—Three, as at present but each man would be paid only \$300 a year and their functions would be purely legislative and policy making.
2. Manager—Hired by the commissioners and given complete administrative authority over all county departments (except schools). He would hire and fire all subordinates on merit system.

The claims for the county manager plan are that it is businesslike, efficient, and completely democratic because commissioners are still elected by the people and they determine all policy. The opponents claim that the new plan would be undemocratic, that the manager would become a political boss and a "czar." There is also considerable grieving over damage to the "party system."

In our view change to the manager plan or some other modern system of management is inevitable and desirable. County government in the United States is often called "the dark continent" of American administration. Its forms were adapted to frontier conditions, when the amount of business transacted by a county was very small and almost any citizen could be clerk, sheriff, treasurer, assessor, surveyor, coroner or commissioner or "judge." As counties grow and metropolitan conditions appear, county government has often become a cesspool of corruption for the simple reason that it has "no head or tail."

In Oregon counties there has been very little corruption; on the contrary there has been an amazing degree of integrity and efficiency, considering the difficulties under which county officials must work. But the setup is not businesslike, and Clackamas county is pioneering in the right direction. In Lane county, for instance, county government is a million dollar business annually. Quite a sizeable enterprise. But the county judge and commissioners have only a nominal supervision of the various departments and no real control. In every courthouse in Oregon you have "a Mexican army," lots of "generals." The setup could be greatly improved.

### World Day of Prayer

This is the first Friday in Lent, the World Day of Prayer, at the instance of some 10,000,000 women of the United Council of Church Women. Men and women the world over, regardless of creed, are asked to join in a moment of prayer—for peace. Being rather poorly equipped, we asked Rev. Norman K. Tully for a few suggestions appropriate to the occasion, and he has sent up some notes:

Prayer is the effort to establish intercourse with the divine. It may be spoken, or it may be fixed in our thoughts; it ranges from primal impulses to developed liturgies. It is a universal trait—"O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." Psalms 65:2.

Mr. Tully defines prayer as "an elevated demand on life, unselfish and constant, infinite in quality and latent in every one of us." From his prayer, Sampson found the strength which brought the temple crashing down upon his enemies, and Stephen found in prayer the courage to face his murderers. Paul told the Ephesians:

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.

Ephesians 3:14-16.

He also suggests these sonorous and familiar lines:

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters:  
These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth the stormy wind which lifteth up the waves thereof.  
They mount up to the heaven, they go down again into the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.  
Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

There are prayers for personal needs, prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving, of

praise and penitence and despair. On this occasion 10,000,000 church women ask the suffraging world to pause a moment to utter a prayer for an end of wars, and to try to capture, if only for a moment the attitude of peace. In Mr. Tully's list he includes Christ's suggestion for a prayer of universal application:

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy father, which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.  
But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Be ye not therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.  
After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

We are grateful to Mr. Tully for his simple definitions of prayer in its infinite individual applications. It may seem like a mere gesture, this World Day of Prayer, but who can measure the effects? To every person it will have some peculiar meaning. Looking over the news of the day we see it almost as "a prayer on the eve of battle," for with the prayer for peace must go a prayer for greater wisdom than the world has ever known and courage for the sacrifices of peace.

You're missing a bet when you let constructive criticism tear you down.

Metal fasteners for women's clothes are coming back on the market. Now maybe the wife will snap into it when getting dressed.

It's twice as easy to get in wrong when you think you're always right.

It's strange nobody has ever thought of selling pads of white paper for little kids to write on.

Many a man owes his success to a cool, level head—his wife's.

It's easy for a bore to drill big holes in anybody's patience.

Anger dies quickly with a good man—except when he's good and angry.

### WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON  
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

#### Spilling the Milk

WASHINGTON, March 8—(NEA)—In addition to all its other troubles, OPA now gets blamed for making it impossible to keep the young folks and hired hands down on the farm.

No sooner had Georgia Congressman Stephen Pace's special subcommittee on agriculture started to investigate the shortages of milk, butter, sugar and wheat, than it ran slap dab into this.

It used to be, Henry Haag of the Dairyman's Co-operative Association of Portland, Ore., told the committee, that life in the city wasn't much different from life on the farm. That was before the days of paved highways and picture shows. But now whenever a farm boy wants to marry some slick city girl, he has to offer her the same comforts she's used to in town, and the farm boys just can't make enough money to do that.

The implied solution for this problem was to raise the OPA ceiling prices on milk and dairy products.

#### Dairyman Lobby for Higher OPA Ceilings

Representatives of the dairy farmers have spent the better part of a week in Washington, and through their National Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation they have been doing quite a job of lobbying, spilling sour milk of human kindness all over the place. They threw a banquet for about 250 congressmen one night, just to make sure the congressmen understood how poor they were.

Next day the spokesmen for the group went up on Capitol Hill to make their speeches of the night before official. Henry Haag was the first witness. He said that all the farmers had been able to do during the war was liquidate their debts.

He said it was so bad that if a farmer sat down and figured up the cost of his grain, feed and straw, he had nothing left for his labor and nothing with which to rehabilitate his plant. He explained it was possible for farmers to keep on going because they "could live off their depreciation."

#### Food Prices Vs. Luxury Prices

The trouble was, Haag went on, that food was the one thing everybody had to have, and therefore everybody wanted to get it as cheap as possible. Nobody ever questioned the price of luxuries.

He took sharp issue with Bowles on food being 40 per cent of the cost of living, rent 19 per cent and clothes 12. That made a total of 71 per cent, and Haag said right off he didn't believe it. Why, it took 30 per cent of a man's income just to support an automobile.

Henry Rathbun, president of the Dairy Co-operative League of New York State, made a speech just like a congressman. He said he represented 28,000 farmers and seven million consumers and he got pretty red-faced about the whole business.

He said the farmers used to give their young folks the car and 50 cents to go sparkin', but now they didn't have the 50 cents. He didn't say what they used the 50 cents for when they had it, but later on he complained that people in the city paid 50 cents for one drink of liquor and thought nothing of it.

#### Darwin's Offend the Hired Hands

Mr. Rathbun said people living on the farms weren't interested in these luxuries, but they also weren't interested in doing things at a sacrifice. Among the sacrifices he mentioned was that he didn't refuse to loan his car to his hired hands when they wanted to go to town and their car was broken down. Also, his women folks didn't refuse to mind the hired hands' children when the hired hands' wives wanted to go to town to do some shopping. If they did refuse, the hired hands left.

Keeping help on the farm was just as difficult as keeping the young folks, even though wages for good dairy hands were from \$100 to \$200 a month. That was with room, but without board. Even so, that was as much as most labor makes in the city. The hours are longer, though—10 a day in winter, 12 to 14 in summer.

One of the congressmen asked Mr. Rathbun what would happen if the dairy farmers went on a 40-hour week. He said there just wouldn't be any milk.

## SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

### Assembly Club Dance Saturday at Osburn

Assembly Club will hold a dancing party Saturday evening of this week, at the Eugene Hotel. Dancing will begin at nine-thirty o'clock, as is customary.

Headed by Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Lundy as chairmen, the committee for the affair consists of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mogan, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. O'Neil and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Proctor.

### EUGENE ZONTA CLUB GIVES TO RED CROSS, NAMES DELEGATES

Seventy-five dollars was given by Eugene Zonta Club to Red Cross, at its business meeting held Tuesday evening at the Osburn Hotel.

Delegates were named for the Spring Conference which will be held April 6 and 7 at Everett, Wash. Mrs. F. S. Fulwiler, president, will serve as delegate and Mrs. Thomas Carey as alternate.

The nominating committee, with Mrs. C. A. Huntington as chairman, was appointed in preparation for the May elections.

During March, the Zontians are serving as hostesses on Saturday evenings at the Teen-age Center, Community Center.

### PARTY PLANNED FOR MARCH 15

An Obsidian potluck dinner and party has been planned for Friday evening, March 15, at six-thirty, at St. Mary's Episcopal parish hall. Members and friends are asked to bring a hot dish, and salad or dessert. The dishes, coffee, cream, rolls and jelly will be furnished by the committee.

Those who are unable to be there for the dinner are invited to come later to view movies and slides of Oregon scenery taken by C. Roger Rees.

The social committee arranging the party consists of Mrs. Ray Sims, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Waldorf, Mrs. M. B. Castle-Joe, Dr. Omar Gullion and Mrs. Alta Hasselroth.

### ALUMNAE GOLF MEETS WITH DR. COLLIER

Gamma Phi Beta alumnae were entertained earlier this week at the home of Dr. Dorothy Collier, with Mrs. Frank Hitchcock assisting. Dessert was served, and the monthly business meeting was held. Officers for the coming year were elected, as follows: President, Miss Leota Whitlock; vice-president, Mrs. William East; secretary, Mrs. Frank Hitchcock; treasurer, Mrs. Noel Thomas.

Those attending were Mrs. John Pennington, Mrs. Noel Thomas, Mrs. William Moshofsky, Miss Helen Hurst, Miss Jeanna Gray, Mrs. John Leiman, Mrs. Carl Koppe, Mrs. Ernest Hansen, Miss Leota Whitlock, Mrs. James Stevenson, Mrs. George Miltonberger, Mrs. Hitchcock and Dr. Collier.

### REBEKAHS HONOR MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Eugene Rebekah Lodge met Wednesday in the IOOF Hall, with officers furnishing and serving the refreshments. Miss Ruple Ross presented each officer with a corsage. Tables were decorated with daphne and daffodils, and a birthday cake was served, honoring members with birthdays in January, February and March.

Miss Myrtle Porter held a school of instruction at the lodge meeting. It was announced that members of the IOOF have been invited to the next meeting, when an amateur program will be held after the lodge session. Mrs. W. E. Signer will be in charge, and Miss Eva Worden and Mrs. W. F. Wendt will have charge of refreshments.

### LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license was issued in Portland Thursday to Miss Betty M. Morland of Portland and Chester A. Pietka of Eugene.

### Recipe

#### Cherry Chiffon Pie

(Filling for one 9" pie shell)  
1 envelope plain unflavored gelatin  
1 1/2 cup cold water  
3 egg yolks  
2-3 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1-3 cup cherry juice  
1 cup sliced cherries  
1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice  
3 egg whites  
Baked pie shell or crumb crust  
Soften gelatin in cold water.  
Beat egg yolks, add 1-3 cup sugar, salt, and cherry juice. Cook in top of double boiler until of custard consistency, stirring constantly. Add softened gelatin and stir until dissolved. Mix cherries and lemon juice. Add to beaten egg whites to which remaining sugar has been added. Pour into baked pie shell and chill until firm. Top of pie may be garnished with fresh cherries just before serving.

#### BRIDE FROM BELGIUM ARRIVES IN EUGENE TO SPEND WEEKEND

Lt. and Mrs. William Kingsley arrived in Eugene Thursday to spend the weekend at the home of the lieutenant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Kingsley, Route Two.

Mrs. Kingsley, who is from Belgium, arrived in this country on the S. S. Stephen A. Douglas. She was met in New York City by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kingsley of Bronx, N. Y., her husband's brother and sister-in-law. She arrived in Portland early Thursday morning, where she was met by her husband. Lieutenant Kingsley is stationed at an air base in Seattle. He served with the tactical air force in France, and met his wife while overseas. They were married at her home in Belgium.

### SUPPER HONORS RETIRING PAIR

Oregon Rose Lodge held a potluck supper Wednesday evening at the Knights of Pythias Hall, honoring F. E. Wall and J. K. Cundiss, retiring engineers.

At the lodge meeting Mrs. Billie A. Gann and Mrs. Stanley Ziolkowski were initiated, and past presidents' pins were given Mrs. Howard Hughes and Mrs. Curtis White. Ten dollars was given to the Red Cross drive.

It was announced that the Thimble Club will meet Wednesday afternoon for a two o'clock dessert luncheon at Skinner Butte Cottage. All members are invited. Hostesses will be Mrs. Phillip Evoshenko, Mrs. W. B. Kendall, Mrs. W. H. Lawson and Mrs. Wendell Spriggs.

### THREE ARE HOSTESSES FOR BRIDGE GROUP

Mrs. Ralph Sutton, Mrs. Naomi Watson and Mrs. R. L. Mickelson were hostesses at the meeting of the Amaranth Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon at the Eugene Hotel. Cards followed luncheon.

The next meeting will be April 3 at the same place, mirror room, and members are asked to make reservations in the interim with either Mrs. Frank Scobert, Mrs. Walter Walling or Mrs. Edna Swartz.

### EUGENEANS IN HOLLYWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Orren Brownson of 454 Willamette St., Eugene, were recent visitors at Earl Carroll's theater-restaurant in Hollywood. Seated at nearby tables were Beverly Tyler, Vera Hruba Ralston and Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne of the film colony.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownson are in Los Angeles on a combined business and pleasure trip.

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### Unitarian Women Plan Benefit Dinner

A benefit dinner will be given Sunday evening, at six-thirty o'clock at the Unitarian Church parlors, the Free Discussion Group of the church sponsoring the event. Proceeds from the dinner are to go to the National Committee to Aid Families of the General Motors Strike.

The project was suggested in a letter received from Bishop Francis J. McConnell, secretary of the committee, of which Harold Ickes is chairman. Sen. Wayne Morse of Eugene also is serving on the committee.

After the dinner, a brief program is planned, when Professor H. C. Franchere will speak concerning some of the problems incident to the strike.

### KAPPA ALPHA THETA GROUP IN SESSION

Alumnae members of Kappa Alpha Theta met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Edward T. Stelle, with Mrs. Clara Fitch as co-hostess. Dessert was served before the business session, and a social evening followed.

Those attending were Mrs. B.

W. DeBusk, Miss Grace Robertson, Mrs. Harry Gordon, Mrs. David Graham, Mrs. William Barker, Mrs. Robert Booth, Mrs. Mary Brockelbank, Miss Betty Robb, Mrs. James Hubbard, Mrs. Frank Carl, Mrs. Howard Hall, Mrs. Dale Fischer, Jr., and Mrs. W. T. Plummer.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Booth assisting.

**MISSIONARY CIRCLE HAS LARGE MEETING**  
Victory Missionary Circle of First Baptist Church met recently at the home of Mrs. R. S. Shelley, with Mrs. Palmer Walls and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith assisting.

Devotions were given by Mrs. Georgia Flynn. Mrs. F. A. Baker, who was a missionary teacher in Pueblo, Mexico, for a number of years, talked to the group concerning many interesting scenes while teaching field. Mr. and Mrs. Booth presented the musical program, Mr. Calkin, "Paradise," "Bless This and 'I Know a Joy'." Words and music for "Joy" were composed by Calkin.

Guests for the evening in addition to Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Calkin, the Mrs. Naomi Gibson, Mrs. Terrill, Mrs. F. A. McKee, Bessie Harlow, Mrs. Carr, and Mrs. M. M. Bellingham, Wash. Mrs. Baker is a former resident of Eugene, and is visiting at the home of her sister, Miss Ethel C. Kline.

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