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Relief for Law Makers?

After more than 16 years in Congress, Robert (Pensions for Congress) Ramspeck resigned because he no longer could afford to serve the people of the Fifth Georgia District.

In an article in Collier's Magazine the retired congressman still advocates the pension plan that brought him, as "Bundles for Congressmen," an assortment of crutches, old shoes, old pants and lurid insults three years ago. He thinks, however, that his original proposal was over-modest, and would also raise the active salary by 50 per cent.

Out of his \$10,000 gross salary, minus income tax, a congressman must maintain two homes; travel back and forth between district and capital; entertain visiting constituents run errands for the folks at home, carry on a large correspondence by mail, telephone and telegraph. He must be a setup for every worthy charity and many others, including the party campaign fund.

Every two years he must run for reelection in primary, election or both. Ramspeck says his biennial costs for this were between \$2500 and \$5000. He is from a safely Democratic district. The representative from a doubtful area spends more.

When he gets all through the average congressman has nothing left toward a nest egg for old age. He is not even a member of the Social Security old-age system. He is lucky if he does not draw a little, every two years, on whatever savings he had before election.

What can a congressman do about this situation?

He can neglect his legitimate duties to get time to supplement his income with private enterprises. It is our good fortune that so few solons have premeditated selfish interests to compromise them with easy money assistance, or have taken advantage of their inside positions to mix up in unethical ventures.

He can fortify his political position by becoming a handy man for constituents; ducking controversial issues so as not to make enemies; letting others do his thinking because he has no time to study public issues and no courage to face them.

He can play the game straight and, like the late Senator Norris, retire eventually to an impoverished old age.

Or, like Ramspeck, he can resign, take a position in private business at salary commensurate with his ability, and give his family a break.

He ought to have a fifth option: To remain in Congress, attend to his duties intelligently and courageously, live on his salary with moderate comfort, and have some insurance for his and wife's old age.

A Job for Mr. Hoover

Herbert Hoover is not the most popular man in the United States. But however his political views may be regarded, few can quarrel with President Truman for sending his only living predecessor in the White House to survey Europe's food needs.

In World War I Mr. Hoover did an excellent job as wartime food administrator and, after the armistice, carried out the Allied relief programs in Europe. During World War II his experience was not utilized, and he labored vainly to persuade the western Allies that they should at least make an effort to get food through to the hungry people of occupied countries.

Mr. Hoover's specific job will be to weigh the relief requirements of the various countries seeking our aid. It may be hoped that from his experience and humanitarian instincts there will also come some wise suggestions for speeding up our present relief program, which, at the moment, seems bungled and inadequate, as well as belated.

We're all looking forward to the day when hotel clerks will be just a bunch of jovial "yes" men.

Three Oklahoma men who stole \$500 worth of musical instruments landed in jail, where they will face the music.

Folks who keep their ears to the ground pick up a lot of dirt.

READER EDITORIAL

Mr. Ball's View in Harmony

EUGENE.—(To the Editor)—Here we go again. Just when all seems quiet on the western slope, and I begin to relax my writers' cramp, up jumps your "Harmony" editorial. It is my understanding that harmony is a group of notes that blend together nicely. But in this flood control controversy one single note has been sounded so continuously that it has become about as harmonious as a police whistle. Quote "Those who put sport, recreation and scenic values ahead of flood control."

There are a lot of us who recognize propaganda

when we see it, and we know the purpose of this oft-repeated statement; to make people in flood threatened areas feel that the selfishness of sportsmen is the only reason for opposing the dams. We recognize this statement for what it is; a deliberate malicious attempt to swing public opinion in favor of the dams without further consideration of their actual worth, which it has done in some instances (witness last week's letter from Nan Henry). We recognize this statement as being utterly false, and anyone who can use it with the word "harmony" must have a broad mind indeed.

Everyone, and I mean EVERYONE, knows we must have flood control; there is harmony aplenty on that score. I defy you to produce a single person in the entire valley basin who would willfully let his fellow beings drown in order to catch a few fish, yet that is exactly what your statement implies. Everyone wants a project that will work, there is no argument on that point either. But it is obviously useless to accept a worthless project just because it happens to be free. It might be timely to recall that the Trojan horse was also free.

So the real controversy deals only with types of flood control, with dams on one side and channeling plus revetment on the other. Both types are detrimental to wildlife (although the dams are by far the worst) so don't accuse the sportsmen of selfishness because they endorse channels. I endorse them, and I can probably be classed as a sportsman, for one of my favorite pastimes is bass fishing. I know that an effective revetment project would close off the mouths of all my favorite sloughs, probably causing them to stagnate and eventually fill with silt. But I also know that present revetments were never intended to control flood, or those same sloughs, which are really branches of the river at flood stage, would have been closed off years ago. When anyone says that revetments failed on the Willamette River they are talking through their hats because it really has never been tried. Up above Seavey's where the Springfield millrace is taken from the river, someone used a drag-line to build a gravel dam high enough to divert water into the millrace in August. Why should anyone be surprised to find that more water was diverted during the flood? Why should anyone be surprised to discover that more water came across highway 99 near Willamette Park after all the trees that had previously served as a breakwater were cut down? And after seeing gravel removed for years from the bar above the Ferry St. bridge, why be surprised when the flood current tries to pass around the north end of the bridge, and butcher the Willaglespie area worse than ever before?

Three walls, not more than a half mile long and ten feet high could have eliminated this damage completely. Better still, most of the damage could have been avoided by a little preventative planning. But isn't it odd that the revetments, if any, at these three weak points were only four or five feet above summer level? Don't take my word for it, drive out and see for yourself. And if you don't mind coming out past the "curbstone" for a few hours I will gladly show you a hundred more just like them. I doubt if you can see them from your office and the engineers aren't likely to point them out.

If you care to see a channel and revetment project that was really MEANT TO WORK take a look at the Long Tom elbow Fern Ridge. But here the work was done to save the reputation of a dam that was incapable of fulfilling its purpose. I am not saying this to antagonize the engineers, I am only exercising my right, as a member of a democratic nation, to hold my nose when encountering a black and white striped odor. And please don't try to tell us that a dam plus a channel costs less than a channel by itself.

That's the way things look out here on the curbstone, Mr. Editor. Come on out with us and change your perspective.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Ball

OUT OF THE WOODS

By JIM STEVENS

Iowa's 1100 Sawmills . . .

Yes, I said eleven hundred. The state where I was born is seldom thought of as a timber country, yet it has nearly as many sawmills as the Douglas fir region. They are little ones, of course, cutting for local trade wherever there is a grove of sticks big enough for a buzzsaw. There are not many that produce over 7,000 feet of lumber a day. This is no gauge of the annual cut of lumber in Iowa, as most of the mills are operated only part of the time by farmers between harvests, and the like. About 18 million board feet were cut in 1945, almost double the prewar cut in the state. It was mostly cottonwood.

Before the war farmers could not hope to get more than \$5 per thousand for standing cottonwood timber and often \$2 was what they sold it for on the stump. Now, according to the Des Moines Register, \$8 per thousand is the average stumpage price. Milled cottonwood sells for from \$40 to \$60 per thousand.

Iowa would be a good place for a tree farm. And it is a good bet that cottonwood will be grown on many an Iowa farm where no thought has been given to timber since the War with Spain. Rich as Iowa is in soil, the state has tens of thousands of acres which are poor for pasture and good for little else but tree growing. Cottonwoods grow like corn in Iowa. Its wood can't be beat, Iowa farmers will tell you, for wagon boxes. It has many other prime uses as lumber and is a wonder for pulp. No joking, Iowa may well enter the tree farm movement with cottonwood as a crop.

An Amazing Crop . . .
That's what wood is called in the title of a feature article by Arnold Nicholson in the Country Gentleman. The article tells how Prof. E. G. Ritzman, head of the nutrition laboratory at the University of New Hampshire, proved that sawdust piles and other wood "waste" can now be utilized to produce good protein feed, by putting milk cows on a wood yeast diet—as Dr. Grondal and Major Berger have done at the University of Washington.

"The yeast was produced by the wood sugar in waste liquor from a sulphite paper mill," says Mr. Nicholson. "New England is full of sulphite mills, pouring out tons of waste liquor every day. If wood yeast is good protein for cattle—if the apparatus to convert mill waste can turn it out at a reasonable price—then down-East farmers might gain in two ways. Their wood could become more valuable and their herds get cheaper, grown-at-home feed."

"There are plenty of 'ifs,' of course. Dr. Ritzman disposed of one when his painstaking tests on the cows, which were dry, showed that the digestibility of the yeast was equal to soybean or cottonseed meal, and that it can be fed without harm to the animals. . . ."

With some concentrated feeds up to \$80 a ton and with hay \$30 a ton, the prospects of forest feed as outlined in "Wood Is An Amazing Crop" are bright. The science that produced the atomic bomb can certainly solve the problems of the utilization of what now goes to waste in the woods and in forest products plants. Instead of burning tree-growing land to get feeble growth of grass, the farmer will fence off such land to keep the livestock out and give his "yeast crop" a better chance. Revolution on the Land . . .

The items cited in the column are but two of many recent examples of a new revolution in the use of the land in this great and growing country. Farmers are learning that poor soil is a poor place for efforts to produce quick-money crops, just as the richest soil is often a poor place to farm for quick returns. Some of the country's best land is given over to orchards. Some of the country's worst land should be given over to forest tree growing, foresters have long recognized, and now farmers are finding out that there is money in this idea.

So here's to more cottonwood growing in Iowa and more crops of yeast trees in New England. Trees—they are wonderful.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Gift Shower

For Miss Harmon

Honoring Miss Barbara Harmon, a miscellaneous gift shower was given recently by Miss Patricia Colerick and Miss Nadine Krenmel, at the home of the latter. Miss Harmon is to be married to Leland T. Cramer, their wedding set for March 24.

Those attending the shower included Miss Harmon, Misses Mary Lou Steinberger, Margaret Carroll, Doris Ann Gaard, Carol Mitchell, Elaine Glasgow, Marjorie Halderson, Velda Carson, Birdie Nissen, Margaret Harmon, Shirley Krenmel, Mary Ellen Stevens, Mrs. Jack Bogan, Mrs. Karol J. Johnson, Mrs. L. A. Reed, Mrs. R. W. Nissen, Mrs. Ray Harmon, Mrs. C. H. Krenmel and the hostesses.

RELIEF CORPS TOPIC

OF TALK BEFORE COUNCIL

An outline of the organization and work of the Women's Relief Corps was given by Mrs. R. A. Bingham at a recent luncheon meeting of the Council of Women's Organizations, held at the Osburn Hotel. An outgrowth of the need for relief for families of soldiers after the Civil War, the WRC first was formed as an auxiliary to the GAR. Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was one of its early members, and the bond between WRC and the Red Cross is a warm and friendly one.

Projects of the group have been expanded to give aid to any needy persons, and it is one patriotic body which does not make it a membership requisite that a woman shall have some member of her family in military duty. Its works are not only to give relief, but to teach patriotism to the young, and flags are donated to youth groups.

Mrs. Norman Martinson talked in behalf of the Red Cross campaign, stating that since cessation of hostilities seventy-eight percent of the funds raised in the drive will remain in Lane County for local use.

Mrs. Ellen Stokes of the Girl Scout office announced again the date of the Girl Scout Friendship Festival, which will be held Friday, March 15, at eight o'clock, at the Roosevelt Junior High School.

Mrs. L. B. Schmidt, president of the City P-TA Council, told of the Bible classes carried on in city schools, which are purely elective.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

AT AUXILIARY MEETING

At a recent business session of the auxiliary to the American Legion, reports of chairmen were heard. Mrs. Elmer Geiger reported for child welfare that a box had been sent to a French family; Mrs. Emery Lake, community service chairman, reported work done for the Red Cross drive. The unit voted a contribution of ten dollars to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Carl Pfeiffer, membership chairman, announced a total of 179 members. Mrs. Lulu Burns, chairman of rehabilitation, reported gifts sent to the Roseburg hospital to the veteran adopted by the unit and cards sent to other hospitals. Mrs. Harold Augustus reported for the nurse-recruiting committee, that while no recruiting now is being done, the group is held in readiness.

Visitors at the meeting were Mrs. Betty Kirk, Mrs. Dell Brown, Mrs. Wendell Jensen, Mrs. Milton Richards, Mrs. Jack Morgensen, Mrs. M. M. Pomeroy, Mrs. Gladys Dawson, Miss Geraldine Reese and Mrs. H. O. Weiss.

A social meeting with members of the post followed the business session.

MRS. STREET PLANNING

TRIP TO ENGLAND SOON

Alpha Xi Delta alumnae met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Frances S. Newsom. Mrs. Evelyn B. Street, housemother, was a guest of the group, and told of her plans to leave late this spring for a three-months' visit in England. Following dessert a short business meeting was held.

Those present were Mrs. Helen Baughman, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Newsom, Mrs. O. P. Nordling, Mrs. Lorna B. Massey, Mrs. C. H. Shaffer, Mrs. Thomas S. Wells, Mrs. Robert H. Lemon, Mrs. Vivian Harper Pittman, Miss Norma Tully, Mrs. R. W. Archibald, Mrs. C. E. Aldridge, Mrs. David Smith and Miss Helen Lettow.

Mrs. Lemon will be hostess for the next meeting of the club in April.

GROUPS TO MEET

National Postal Clerks Auxiliary and the National Federation of Post Office Clerks will meet Saturday evening at seven o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Axtell, 1961 Agate Street.



"INFALLIBLE" STYLES—Eta, Budapest-born New York stylist claims this is one of her "infallibles," of distinctive styling of quality fabrics. Simply styled of black rayon crepe, dramatized by a yoke which is banded with m-mosa strips and which puts up a front for sleeves, it is a go-anywhere fashion.

MISS BERYL ROBERTSON

HONORED AT SHOWER

A miscellaneous bridal shower was given in honor of Miss Beryl Robertson recently at the home of Mrs. D. B. Murphy in Springfield. Miss Robertson is to be married to Franklin Lloyd the latter part of March.

Hostesses were Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Mable Tyson of Springfield, and Mrs. R. T. Moshier of Crest Drive, Eugene.

Entertainment for the evening consisted of games, and a mock wedding ceremony. Gifts were found in a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow which decorated one end of the room.

Those present were Mrs. Glen Robertson, Mrs. Juetta Taylor, Mrs. Lillian Bertsch, Mrs. M. J. McKlin, Mrs. Hannah Lepley, Mrs. Al Berlin, Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Aramsmith, Miss Dorothy Travess, Miss Shirley Coombs, Mrs. Gilbert Cross, Mrs. M. R. Adams, Mrs. Tom Lusby, Mrs. N. L. Helterbrand, Mrs. E. O. Smith, Mrs. H. T. Mitchell, Mrs. Ada Manwarling, Mrs. John Nice, Mrs. Laura Denning, Mrs. Claude O'Brien, Mrs. Bernice Manning, Mrs. Ada Baugh, Mrs. Gertrude Peterson, Mrs. Hufstadter, Mrs. Fred Vail, Mrs. Charles Cole, Mrs. Roscoe Cole, Mrs. Earl Thompson, Mrs. Maggie Chandler, Mrs. Warren Price, all of Springfield; and Mrs. Eldon Fix, Miss Lyle Hart and Mrs. McDaniels of Eugene.

MRS. HARRINGTON HERE

Mrs. E. R. Harrington (Lorraine Hunt) arrived Tuesday to visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hunt, coming from Los Angeles. Her husband, Lieutenant Harrington, in army service, has been sent to overseas duty.

KETO CLUB TO MEET

WITH MRS. FINDTNER

Mrs. F. T. Findtner, 1737 Olive Street, will be hostess to the Keto Club Thursday afternoon, at two-thirty o'clock.

as grand sword-bearer, also shared in honors.

Reports of the grand court session were presented by Mrs. J. Ernest Field, Mrs. Palmer and B. A. Martin. Those who attended the Portland meeting were Mr.

and Mrs. Earl Benson, Mr. Mrs. Frank Scobert, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Field, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Martin, Mrs. Clarence Elkins, E. C. Hall, Mrs. Liddell Knight and Mrs. Charles R.

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