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Lumber 'Lobby' Under Attack

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virgin timber and through fine stands of second growth.

Foster uses his article to point out the utility of planting new trees in these areas so long as no work has been done toward cleaning up this threat.

Governor Snell, in accepting the plan of Morton Tompkins of the state Grange and Claude Ballard of the IWA, reduced the tax figure to 20 cents and recommended it to the legislature, Foster reports. The House cut the figure to 10 cents and passed it.

"The Senate," Foster asserts, "is reported on the verge of killing it, at the behest of the lumber industry's own lobby! If the bill dies in the Senate those snags will stand for Lord knows how long, because nobody has any other plan for financing the job."

Says Forester Confused

Foster further assails the lumber lobby when he says, "We are accustomed to have the lumber industry oppose constructive conservation measures. But this seems to be an instance where they are deliberately cutting off their noses to spite their own faces."

Confusion of the issue early in the legislative process by the "bureaucratic ambitions of the state forester" was responsible for the early opposition to the bill, Foster writes.

"The first draft of the bill provided that the revenue from the proposed tax (aside from 15 per cent for wood research) would be used to build up and develop a system of state-owned forests."

"This was contrary to the financial recommendations of the special forestry committee and of the minority reports of Tompkins and Ballard."

"We don't blame the industry for opposing that phase of the plan. In fact, Ballard wrote Governor Snell urging that the bill be revised in line with the recommendations of the committee and of the minority reports."

The bill was revised, Foster reports, and though it still didn't put "sufficient emphasis on the snag felling job," it remained broad enough to cover that job, had the bill been passed.

"The industry lobby, however, continued to oppose it," Foster asserts.

Foster says the industry objected "in principle" to a special tax on timber, as "the wrong way to raise the money." This argument, Foster said, "was advanced despite the fact that the principle of a special tax on forest lands is already firmly established, as a means of raising part of the funds needed for forest fire fighting."

"The proposed tax on timber would merely apply the same sort of principle in raising additional funds to do another part of the forest protection job."

Foster calls on the Senate to "consider the facts for itself and tell the lobbyists to lay off for a few days. The Senators have a chance to do a constructive, vitally necessary job."

"Our recommendation is that

If Kin Help Needy, Costs Can Be Less

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applications for welfare payments from persons who have grown sons and daughters capable of taking care of their parents, and that it is a continual struggle to keep such undeserving applicants off the welfare list.

His theory, he said, is that the aid should be restricted to those who actually need it so that payments to the deserving folks can be made large enough to meet their legitimate needs as nearly as possible.

In the past people considered it a matter of pride to keep off the welfare lists, but Dudley said there has been a marked change in recent years. Because there are laws to provide care for needy aged and others, he explained, the idea has been growing among many people that such assistance is the right of every elderly person, whether he has children who could support him or not. The same theory has become more prevalent among many grown sons and daughters, he pointed out.

This attitude will have to change if Oregon is to get along on a reduced welfare budget, he said.

County Judge Clinton Hurd, who is a member of the County Welfare Commission, agreed with Dudley. He pointed out that welfare costs have been mounting, until this year in Lane County local taxpayers are providing \$169,000 for welfare to match state and federal funds.

This sum is 50.4 per cent of the total budget for operating the county government, he said, but this is exclusive of the budget for roads.

Some Property Relief

If the statewide budget cut is put into effect, said Judge Hurd, he believes it will result in some relief to property taxpayers.

Both Dudley and Judge Hurd said they believe deserving people should be cared for as adequately as possible, but that in order to do this the undeserving must be pruned from the list. The budget cut does not anticipate reducing payments to those who are in need and have no other means of support, said Dudley.

they revise the bill to direct it right straight at the snag menace, and at building necessary fire protection roads into those areas. That way they will be tackling first things first.

"The estimated half million or so dollars a year that would be raised by the 10 cent tax is not too much for essential snag felling and fire road building alone, over a period of several years. In fact, it probably is not enough but it would be a big help."

OR MAYBE PINK

LINCOLN, Neb. —(U.P.)—What color automobile is least often involved in accidents, a Seward motorist asked Capt. J. C. Sanders of the state safety patrol. The captain considered the question. "Probably lavender," he suggested.

Chicago Vote Draws Interest

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CHICAGO —(U.P.)—Chicago will select a new mayor Tuesday in an election which the Republican high command regards as an important tactical skirmish leading to the next year's presidential battle.

The contest in Mayor Edward J. Kelly's Democratic stronghold will have national interest because:

1. It will be the first major test of the party strength in the nation since the 1948 congressional vote.
2. The outcome could determine which way the state's 28 electoral votes would go in the 1948 presidential race.

After 14 years in the mayor's chair, Kelly stepped aside this year to support Martin J. Kennedy, 58-year-old business man making his first bid for elective public office. Kennedy will oppose Russell W. Root, 48-year-old lawyer, who is supported by Gov. Dwight H. Green's Republican organization.

Root, who as Cook County Republican chairman directed his party to a top-sided victory over Kelly's Democratic organization last fall, has made an issue of the Truman administration's handling of foreign affairs, in the closing weeks of a lively campaign.

Asserting that the Republican party "is against war with Communist Russia," Root told a campaign rally Friday night that "a vote for the Democratic candidate for mayor will be a vote for war."

Senate Votes To Buy Camp

SALEM —(U.P.)—The Senate Saturday by a vote of 18 to 12 overrode objection of the Ways and Means Committee to pass and send to the House a bill directing the State Board of Control to acquire Camp White near Medford as an auxiliary state hospital.

Ways and Means Chairman Dean Walker, opposing the measure, told the Senate, "We already have a budget we cannot meet and if we take over this project we'll merely be creating a larger deficit."

The Board of Control, after an investigation, last week informed the legislature it was not in favor of the state taking over the former Army camp which the federal government has offered free of charge.

The board reported it would take \$1,500,000 to convert the facilities for state use and \$500,000 a year to operate the project.

Sen. Earl Newberry, Ashland, speaking for the bill, said the proposed acquisition was "just a matter of good business."

Newberry said he had conferred with Gov. Earl Warren of California and had been informed that California's acquisition of two similar institutions had proved "very satisfactory."

"I'd hate to think Oregon couldn't take over this project because some people think we're broke," Newberry said, "because Oregon isn't by any means broke or down in the gutter."

Newberry said he had inspected buildings at the camp and thought they were better than many the state now owns except for those in the capital group.

Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland, said he had hired expert architects to appraise the Camp White facilities and had been informed that the state would be "crazy not to take it over."

Bullitt's Talk Stirs Eleanor

WASHINGTON —(U.P.)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt Saturday termed "extremely dangerous" the recent statement by former Ambassador to Russia William C. Bullitt that if Russia had the atom bomb, she would use it.

"I was horrified," she said. "By inference Mr. Bullitt said we have the bomb and we should use it."

Mrs. Roosevelt spoke before a conference of Americans for Democratic Action.

EHS Student Wins Oratorical Competition

Fred Dodge, Eugene High School student, Friday night won first place in the Lane County oratory contest, sponsored by the Eugene Knights of Pythias, at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School gymnasium. Subject for all entries was "Juvenile Delinquency."

Second place went to Arlette Morrison, Springfield High; and third place was awarded to Dolores Miller, Eugene High.

Dodge will compete with other county winners for the state championship at Portland in April. Prizes for the winners were: \$25, \$15 and \$10.

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PUBLICITY: Dale Cooley, chairman, assisted by representatives of KORE and KUGN and The Register-Guard.

HEADQUARTERS: The Eugene Hotel; through the courtesy of Manager C. E. McLean offices will be opened Tuesday, April 1, for preliminary preparations.

SCOPE: The campaign will include all the area in Eugene School District No. 4.

SCHOOL LEADERS: Miss Lovina Wilson for teachers; Jack Gunn, president of the student body at Eugene High; Clark Hollis, for junior highs, and in each school group and classroom leaders to be named later.

"This campaign," said Mrs. Burris Saturday night, "has a purpose which is even bigger than the two immediate objectives. It goes into every home. We hope to have every man, woman, and child feel that he has a part ownership in the development of his home town."

"There are 9,700 homes in the area included by this campaign. If every home were represented by a \$5 gift we would have almost the total immediately needed. Some can and will give much more. Some can't give that much

and we don't expect them to do so.

Dimes Equal to Dollars

"In this enterprise the spirit counts and a child's dime counts for just as much as the dollars of the largest giver. This movement for parks and playgrounds will not stop with this first effort to save the Amazon area, but will start developing neighborhood playgrounds."

"We hope this will be the first and last of 'drives' as such. The only reason for a special campaign at this time is that these projects cannot wait for the slow accumulation of money in the Century Fund."

500 to Participate

"But the Century Fund is a community endowment which goes on forever, and we put our Park and Playground Project under Century Fund as the nucleus for a program which will carry on year after year by voluntary giving. For instance, last summer Century Fund had enough money to buy and hold the key property in the Amazon area which otherwise could not have been held."

More than 500 workers will participate, said Mrs. Burris. Except for "business gifts," the main selling will be done from home to home throughout the area.

All schools will participate, says Superintendent Clarence Hines. During the week of the campaign schools will take turns holding downtown demonstrations for parks and playgrounds. Mayor Earl McNutt and City Manager Deane Seeger promise complete city co-operation.

A detailed outline of the immediate and long range park and playground development is being prepared by Howard Buford, with maps and charts to show the stages of the program.



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