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Oregon to Hold
Special Election

Salem, Ore., March 19 (UP)—One of the bills passing both houses during the last week authorized a special election on June 22, 1945. Two issues will be voted on then, a two-cent cigarette tax, and a five-mill property levy.

The cigarette tax is designed to raise \$2,000,000 yearly for schools, and the property tax, which will be offset by income tax surpluses, will raise \$10,000,000 in two years for school and institutional construction.

The latter is a two-year levy only, although the cigarette tax would be permanent.

Other measures which will be referred to the people for vote, probably at the next general election in 1946, include the creation of rural school districts for equalization of taxes; tax levies for armories; establishing a line of succession for the governorship; permitting Chinese to own property; creating a 31st seat in the senate, and permitting bills to be read by title only in the legislature.

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO
(From The Bulletin Files)
(March 19, 1930)

Committees report that arrangements are complete for the coming of Bend's spring opening and automobile show.

Clyde Rentrow, Ray Eubank and Harley Burge call a meeting of interested persons for tonight in the American Legion hall to discuss forming a Bend baseball team.

Henry L. Corbett, republican candidate for governor, comes to Bend and in a talk before the chamber of commerce in the Pilot Butte inn, lauds the city's growth.

A birthday party is given by Mrs. J. Armony, 1045 Baltimore avenue, honoring her father, Joe Valke, and sister, Mrs. Wilbur Carter.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(March 19, 1920)

T. A. McCann is notified that he has been named chairman of the ways and means committee for the Deschutes county republican organization.

The Bend Elks lodge orders two elk from the Willowa national forest to put in the Elks' summer home at Metolius.

Clay Miller opens a grocery store at the corner of Hill and Sisemore streets.

Superintendent J. Alton Thompson visits the Deschutes school and compliments the children upon their physical training.

Othmer S. Wood and Miss Elsie Eitelgeorge, both of Bend, are married yesterday by County Judge Sawyer.

Donors of Blood
Make Long Trip

Prineville, March 19 (Special)—Mrs. Irvin Grimes of the Ochoco Project took with her in her car Wednesday five other women to the blood donors' center in Portland. The women were Mrs. Kester Clark, Mrs. Willard Adkisson, Mrs. B. E. Palmer, Mrs. Harry McCoy, and Mrs. Everett Cornett.

After the tests were made it was found that only two could be accepted. The tests showed Mrs. McCoy to have type O, the whole blood that is flown directly to the hospitals and battle fields.

Mrs. McCoy has two sons in the service, and she was much pleased to be told that her donation would be somewhere over there ready for use by Friday night. The ladies rested overnight in Portland and returned to Prineville Thursday.



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I came up on deck. I looked out across the harbor at pier 14 a mere 400 yards away. And I felt very, very good.

Then behind me someone coughed. I turned. There stood Booker. In the shelter of the windscreen, he lit a cigaret. On his lips was a wintry smile. That little feeling of self-congratulation which one experiences on coming safely through a hazardous affair evaporated.

"Well, Trent," Booker leaned his arms on the rail beside me, "we made it."

My presence on the boat was explained by an encounter with a buzz-bomb which had figuratively blown me out of the pilot's seat of a B-17 to a position of temporary retirement before going back to my old job of aircraft designing. Booker's presence on the boat remained unexplained.

Booker went on: "Back to Boston and the little girl on Beacon Hill, eh?"

"Eh," I said. "Then to your desk at the Beacon Aircraft." Booker's thin lips curved in a derisive smile.

I looked at him. I hadn't remembered being so confidential. Booker stared down into the water where the October winds made plumes of foam. He dropped his cigaret into the harbor.

His eyes rested speculatively upon me. "The Hudsons are very influential people," he said. "The little girl on—"

"Miss Hudson," I said. He smiled. "She would take a lot of supporting."

"Would she?" "This war is not going to last forever, Trent. When it is over, there will be an oversupply of airplane designers. You might like to fortify yourself against that eventuality."

"Life insurance?" I asked. "No." He did not smile. "You would not be a good risk."

It wasn't so much what he said; it was the way he said it. "That sounds like a threat."

"Good heavens, no." He laughed and I observed that his teeth needed attention. "I am merely giving you an opportunity to cash in on a risk which you must inevitably take. You are not responsible for the accidents of birth and environment. But you can take advantage of them instead of suffering because of them."

"I haven't the faintest notion of what you're talking about," I said, "and I am not in the least interested."

He took out a cigaret and tapped it on his thumbnail. All the warmth had gone out of his face.

"Listen, Trent," he said. "I'll be at The Vendome in Boston until Tuesday. Think it over and get in touch with me."

"If I'm half as sleepy as I feel," I said, "I won't wake up until Wednesday morning."

Pat Hudson was the loveliest girl I knew. She stood on the platform beside Charley Strand and together they are two of the very few people in the world who really care what happens to me.

Charley is single, sane, and blessed with a very rare sense of immediacy. Now he sensed something sentimentally unique in the situation and he was effacing himself bravely by looking with false interest at everything but Pat and me.

"Hello, Nick," Pat said. "No torpedoes?" "One," I said and held my hands

apart. "That far away." She shuddered and touched my arm very gently.

"What a blow that would have been to my aspirations." I happened to glance across the platform and Booker went by. Unsmiling, he looked at me.

"How odd," said Pat. "Remember me?" Charley asked.

"Remotely." I took his hand and spoke to Pat. "What's odd?" "That man. Who is he?" I looked after Booker.

"Nobody," I said. "Why?" "He looked at you so strangely." "He wasn't looking at me." I took her arm. "Come along while I park this baggage."

We went to the University Club where I dropped my bags and Charley had Raoul send up a bottle of Hermitage which signaled a moment to be remembered. Gravely we clinked glasses.

"Prost," said Pat. "You can't do that," Charley informed her. "That's a German toast."

"Charley," Pat looked at him. "You're not going to start that." "Eric's got her into that," he said.

"Eric?" My glass stopped in the air.

Charley and I exchanged glances. We had never had much difficulty in coming to an agreement about Eric.

"Hasn't Eric been drafted yet?" I asked.

"You know he's too old," Pat said.

"I had forgotten," I said. "It always seemed to me that anyone who does so much talking ought to supplement it with a little fighting."

"It has been hard for Eric—being of German descent." Pat's tone was defensive. "After all, he is a naturalized American."

"If he hadn't been naturalized," Charley said, "he would have ended up as a corporal in the German army."

"And Eric would not have liked that," I said.

"Please," Pat interrupted us. "Let's not talk about it any more. I'm sorry I brought up the subject of Eric."

"Listen," Charley said. "I've got tickets for the Harvard-Navy game. How about you two meeting me there?"

Somehow the struggles of twenty-two V-12 boys on a football field seemed curiously remote. I shook my head.

"Not today, Charley." "You're tired," said Pat. "A little. I haven't really slept for ten days."

"Take me to lunch. Food will do you good and after that you can sleep."

And Charley threw up his hands. "You'll be sorry." He grinned. "Meet me at the Parker House at 5:30 and I'll tell you the score."

Little did we suspect what that innocently-made date was to get us all into.

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TO END CANAL WATER POLLUTION

Since house bill no. 224 carried the emergency clause it became law on its signing by Governor Snell on Thursday. It may be helpful, accordingly, if attention is called to its terms at once so that persons affected by its new and stringent regulations may take any action needed to avoid the imposition of the penalties it provides.

The purpose of the new law is to protect irrigation canal and ditch water from pollution from conditions existing below the point of diversion from the Deschutes river or its tributaries. It is of particular importance to residents of the irrigated districts of Central Oregon and to the city of Redmond.

The maintenance of conditions along canals that may cause pollution of their waters is prohibited by the law. Conditions specifically named as possible polluters are slaughter pens, stock feeding yards, hogpens, corrals and turkey yards. Any person who maintains or creates such conditions may have nuisance charges brought against him. The penalty on conviction is a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

Beginning with irrigation district employees enforcement of the law is mandatory with the various steps in the prosecution specifically set out. Thus it is made the duty of such employees to report to the district the existence of any of the forbidden conditions that come to their attention. The secretary of the district must next report in writing to the county health officer. To the health officer is given the duty of investigating the conditions complained of and to report his findings to the district directors. If he finds that the conditions exist it becomes the duty of the directors to institute a suit in abatement. The health officer shall also report to the district attorney, if he finds that the law is being violated, and it then becomes the duty of the latter officer to file a complaint and to cause the arrest and prosecution of the offender.

We are told that offensive conditions, such as are complained of in the law, exist on some of the irrigation canals. We imagine that their elimination will call for minor changes in farm operation or the lay-out in some particular spots. We imagine, further, that a reasonable time will be given for correction. When that time has passed we believe that there will be action and that is as it should be.

Because it contains the largest area and has more miles of canal than any other district it is the Central Oregon that has the greatest potential of nuisance conditions. It is therefore well to note that it has been Central Oregon district officials who secured the enactment of this law. They, in other words, have made this medicine for their own district as well as the others.

And it is interesting to note that the only important change made in the body of the bill as first introduced was the un-splitting of a couple of infinitives.

VANDALISM

Bend is not alone in Oregon as it suffers from an outbreak of vandalism. The Coos Bay Times complains of the vicious destruction of property in its city and there have been car thefts and robbery, as well. The editorial from the Times from which we gather the facts is reprinted on this page today.

In Bend, as in Coos Bay, waste paper bundled for shipment was scattered around the collection depot by a group of boys but the act, it turned out, was thoughtless rather than of evil intent. And here the boys responsible joined in repairing the damage they had caused.

Bend is suffering, however, from the breaking of windows, the smashing of light globes in public places and from bicycle thefts. There are almost nightly disturbances in Drake park and needless noise at late hours in many parts of the city. Much of the disturbance and the damage could be prevented by alert police. We hope that here, as at Coos Bay, the guilty ones, if their offenses continue, will be detected and properly punished.

Others Say ...

(Coos Bay Times) STOP VANDALISM Repeated news accounts gathered by The Times and complaints to this newspaper about vicious destruction of property in the community are too numerous to restrain our comment on a most distressing situation on Coos Bay.

Not long ago vandals, presumably youthful, entered the storage warehouse where wastepaper was bundled and awaiting shipment, cut the wraps, tossed the paper indiscriminately around and wreaked havoc to many days of voluntary, worthy work in the war effort. Citizens on main streets downtown have complained repeatedly of destruction wrought by a series of nightly escapades aimed at the destruction of property. Car theft reports have been numerous; within the last fortnight a substantial sum of money was taken from a downtown businessman.

Such events cannot be shrugged off as symbols of a war hysteria reaching to the home front and thereby casually explained or passed over. The fact that millions of American men are fighting fascism abroad gives no excuse to youths or adults to practice terrorism at home. Nor can the situation be condoned or forgotten if the offenders happen to be in uniform; youths under arms are equally responsible for civilian rights as men outside the uniform.

City and state police are duty bound to deal firmly with such offenders; to detect them and to bring them to such punishment as the law metes out. In such a course law enforcement officers will have the full support of the public. Every worthwhile citizen these days is too busy and too tired to have his or her work set to naught by the work of some hoodlums, out for some species "good time" and entirely unscrupulous in his attitude toward the property of others.

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