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OPENING THE NORTH SANTIAM

From the Canyon Commercial club, centered at Detroit (Oregon) and Idanha, comes the invitation to attend the dedication of the new North Santiam highway. The ceremonies are to be held at Breitenbush bridge, also new, near Detroit, Sunday. Governor Douglas McKay will formally open the highway shortly before noon, after which the celebration will turn into a good old fashioned picnic, done in accordance with the best Oregon tradition. To join in the festivities, there will come a motor caravan from east of the Cascade mountains and another from western Oregon. The occasion, it is easy to foresee, will be a memorable one.

And, of course, it should be. Opening of the new route will be significant in more ways than one. It will call attention to a great power development of the not distant future—the construction of the Detroit dam—and marked changes in the area as a man-made lake makes its appearance to hide the rugged canyon and nearby terrain. It will remind the many attending the celebration of the industrial and business opportunities which will follow in what has heretofore been barely penetrated wilderness. And it will emphasize the important advance in east-west communication which the new highway, now approaching completion, will represent.

In all these things, progress and development. In them, too, will be cause for just a bit of regret for the passing of old, familiar things. Most of us who have driven the North Santiam for years have looked forward to its replacement by a modern highway but there was, nevertheless, a charm in the crooked, narrow road which wound its way along the rocky side of the steep canyon. It was, we think, one of the loveliest of drives if you did not have to share it with too many. Now and then, in earlier years, it was possible, by picking the right time of day, to travel the greater part of this section without traffic competition. Slow driving, yes, but it was worth it. Masses of green, mountains rising high above, and down below the turbulent stream. Wild beauty, its appeal sharpened by the peculiar thrill of loneliness.

The old road, as time went on, came to carry far more traffic than such a road could carry with safety. But it was used more and more. For all its crookedness it was the quick way from the inland country to the capital. It needed replacing, needed it badly and this, with the imminence of dam construction and the further needs that this would bring, resulted eventually in the development of the new location.

In what we have said there is no intended suggestion that this new route will be found lacking in beauty. It is different but in its difference is beauty also. It will be easier, far easier than the old road, but the loneliness, the feeling that here is your own individual way through a major mountain range, will be gone. Instead, it will be traversed by thousands as it becomes more and more recognized as a link in a direct east-west route—not only between eastern Oregon and western Oregon but between the states to the east of Oregon and the western parts of our own state. It will relieve the congestion on other routes and, in its own right as well, become a main-traveled highway.

The invitation of the Canyon Commercial club somehow brings these things to mind. Surely there is cause for the celebration that is planned at Breitenbush bridge and the cause is not merely local. We expect to join in the celebration, too, and, as we do so, the importance of the changes which it heralds will reconcile us to the passing of an old, charming and (to be perfectly frank) somewhat dangerous road.

Out on the Farm

By Ila S. Grant

Aug. 13—The Young Man had the biggest thrill of his eight years, when he saw his first rodeo last night. We started out for Prineville right after dinner, clutching the press pass that would admit us to the Crooked River round-up.

Preparations for the trip were so involved, you'd think we were going to New York. The Chief checked the 10-year-old car for mechanical difficulties, turned off the sprinkler motor so it wouldn't pump the pond dry, changed the water in the garden and polished the Young Man's shoes. When we finally drove out of the yard and had just started down the lane, the Boss stopped the car, backed up, and returned to the house to make sure he had put out his last cigarette.

Since we were already six miles out of Bend when we left home, we took a "short cut," which didn't cut down our driving time more than 20 minutes or so. The Powell Butte road, the route we chose, winds through a lot of picturesque country, and will afford another scenic drive out of Bend when it is improved and oiled. When we got into the irrigated area, we marveled again at what the soil will produce when it has water.

It's always such a surprise to make the final turn before approaching Prineville, and to see the lights of the Crook county seat twinkling like stars in the little valley.

The Young Man was breathless with excitement as we drove into the rodeo grounds, parked the car and headed for the grandstand. He had the choicest seat in the press box, and was fascinated by the show, right up to the final bull-riding exhibition.

Dorothy McCulloch Lee and the Mayor's husband were there. The Mayor was dressed in gray, and wore a little white straw hat with an up-turned brim.

One of the big moments of the show, I thought, was when the 4-H club members and Future Farmers of America led their stock into the arena. The steers and calves and dairy cows and sheep, carefully groomed for the parade, were beautiful to look at.

The bare-back bronc riding was the highlight of the rodeo events, we thought. The horses really gave all they had, and so did the riders.

Others Say

IT MUST STOP

(Cedar County (Neb.) News)

The present rate of government spending must stop. The government cannot continue to go on spending more than it takes in by borrowing millions in various bond drives.

The spending program will not only swamp the national economy in time, but the things for which the money is spent will in a short time take away all the freedom for which this nation is famous and of which it is justly proud.

The new programs outlined by the administration will send this nation down the same well-greased skids that the British nation is now descending at such a rapid rate.

It is time we woke up. The government is not giving us something for nothing. Everything the government gives it must get from the people, and every bond it issues must be paid some time by the people.

The promised government security for all from the cradle to the grave will come only after the government takes over all individual rights. Then we shall find that the promised security is but a shell loaded with slavery.

We have come to expect everything from the government. Protection, security, artificially maintained high prices and wages; free medical and hospital care, old age pensions, pay when we are jobless, and scores of other services which were never intended to be part of the government's duty.

We must stop asking for these handouts and we must insist that our representatives in Washington see to it that the government is stopped short in its spending spree.

If we do not stop this present government trend, and do it now, we are heading for economic collapse and socialism.

This is not a job for the other fellow to do. It is your job and mine, and the job of every citizen, high and low. If we do not express our will, if we do not raise our voice, the time is coming when we will have no will and no voice. Use your power while there is yet time.

A massive German-built concrete U-boat shelter in Norway is now used as a factory; windows had to be cut through its 10-foot-thick bomb-proof walls.

"Wasn't Due for Months Yet"

WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson
(NEA Washington Correspondent)

Washington (NEA) — A huge joker has been found in senate appropriations committee recommendations against the building of government transmission lines from bureau of reclamation power dams. It relates to proposed orders that the department of interior make contracts with Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Idaho Power Co., similar to a contract now in force between the government's southwestern power administration and the Texas Power and Light Co.

The catch in this attempted mandate is that the Texas Power and Light contract was a special agreement made to fit peculiar circumstances not found in the California and Idaho areas. Forcing a Texas Power and Light projects would in effect restrict the government to developing only secondary power to supplement primary power developed by the private companies.

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The Texas contract was drawn up to handle only the public power developed at Dennison dam. This is a flood control dam built by the army engineers on the Red river, which forms the boundary between southern Oklahoma and Texas. Not enough water flows through the Red river throughout the year to make possible the delivery of a large load of firm power by Dennison dam generators. But the water held at Dennison dam during heavy rainfall runoff is sufficient to deliver a fair quantity of secondary power for limited periods.

About the best Dennison can do is deliver firm power for eight hours a day, plus limited secondary power. This is hard power to sell. Southwestern power administration has no other generating capacity in this territory to tie into. But it does have a number of potential preference customers among rural co-operatives in the area. They could not be served, however, because Texas Power and Light controls all the transmission lines.

On the other hand, Texas Power and Light was in the position of needing reserve power for its peak load periods in the afternoon and evening. So here were all the elements for a good trade.

Under the law, department of interior is selling agent for power generated at flood control dams built by army engineers. So in April 1947, Southwestern power administrator Douglas Wright made a contract for the department with Texas Power and Light.

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In brief, southwestern power swapped its secondary power for delivery at peak-load periods, in exchange for firm power from Texas Power and Light for delivery to the government's co-op customers. It is a good deal for both sides. It increased the company's capacity. It marketed the government's power and delivered it to its customers.

The unsuitability of this Texas Power and Light-type contract for other government installations having the capacity to deliver large quantities of firm power is obvious.

The central valley project in California — with $440,000,000 expenditures now authorized — will have an annual output of 2,300,000,000 kilowatt hours. Most of this capacity from Shasta dam is now sold to Pacific Gas and Electric Co. because the government has only three short transmission lines which tie its power into the Pacific Gas and Electric system.

Unless the senate appropriations committee recommendations are defeated, the government will be forced to make a Texas Power and Light-type contract with Pacific Gas and Electric Co. The government will also be prevented from building a steam plant to firm up its power. And it will be prevented from building transmission lines to serve any of its preferred customers save reclamation project pumping stations.

A senate floor battle has been promised by Senators O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Johnson of Texas, Sparkman of Alabama and others who want committee restrictions on the public power program removed. If committee recommendations are adopted, they will put the government in the role of being secondary supplier to private monopolies.

Utah Town Takes British Family Into Its Heart

By James R. McCauley
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Tridell, Utah (UP) — There's a sentimental touch of international romance at this mountain hamlet that has everyone's heart thumping an extra beat.

It's a whirlwind courtship between a friendly British family of 13 and 398 residents of Tridell. The warmness of the romance makes the recent Rita-Aly go-around dull in comparison.

This is the real thing for Tridell, though the newcomers arrived here only last June 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hartley and their 11 children have fallen in love with pint-sized Tridell. And the little Mormon community in eastern Utah has that same star-happy look tucked inside its nearby green rolling hills.

House Prepared

Hartley wiped a tear from his eye in front of the new five-room house that was prepared for his family by friends at Tridell. He said:

"You have something great and big here—you have frontiers, food. After 56 years, I've finally found a home."

Tridell had never been more excited. It welcomed Hartley into its voluntary police force. The first night the family was feted at an old-fashioned pot-luck supper.

The amiable Englishman admits he's sentimental. And about his new "fairyland home" nestling in the foothills of the Uintah mountains, he's overly sentimental. Hartley said:

"America is like a Christmas tree with thousands of gifts all wrapped up in pretty packages. New York was a gift—it was bustling, busy, ambitious. Pittsburgh was another gift—a dirty gift, but a gift wrapped in steel and coal."

Farms Impressive

The bright-eyed head of a family of 13 was more vived than the most glittering of travel folders in unfolding his reaction to America. He says his eyes popped out at the lush farmland of Ohio, Nebraska, Iowa and Indiana.

Queer quirks of fate paved the way for the fairyland romance between this British family of 13 and their new Tridell home.

First there was the pen-pal correspondence between Tesa Goodrich of Tridell and Gordon Hartley. The international mails flowered the friendship, overcoming the 5,000 miles in between.

Then came the war. The bonds were drawn tighter between the Hartley family and their future home in Utah. Two daughters of the family, Catherine, 21, and Joan, 20, married American servicemen in Britain.

Why Worry?

That was just the marriage of two daughters. But it paced the way for the romance between Tridell and the Hartley family.

Hartley's only disappointment was "seeing Americans walk down the street looking like they had worried minds. What is there to worry about in America—except keeping the nation free?

Tridell residents say they are sure the British family return their affection. It was only a few days ago that a newspaper reporter at nearby Vernal, Utah, asked how it felt to be 5,000 miles from home.

Replied Hartley with a smile: "We're not very far from home—only 22 miles."

Tridell is just 22 miles from Vernal.

Traffic Must Stop For School Buses

Salem, Aug. 13 (UP) — School buses stopped along the roadway to load or unload passengers must be regarded the same as stop signs, the traffic division of the secretary of state's office reminded today.

The new law calls for formation of a new driving habit on the part of Oregon motor vehicle operators when schools reopen next month, safety officials observed.

Under terms of Oregon's new school bus stopping law enacted by the 1949 legislature, all vehicles must come to a complete stop when meeting or overtaking a school bus on a two-lane highway that has stopped to load or unload children. Under the act, vehicles may not proceed "if and so long as any school children are leaving the school bus or crossing the highway."

Music of Future May Be Enjoyed By Brain Waves

Chicago (UP) — Raymond Scott, the man who made music out of several million volts of electricity making things hum inside a powerhouse, is predicting the end of the musician.

In another hundred years, he figures, the composer will give his music to the world by thought transference.

He won't need any musicians.

"Science already has perfected devices to record electrical impulses of the brain," the dark, stocky musician from Brooklyn pointed out.

"Soon the scientists will get around to picking up the brain waves and channeling them directly to the minds of others. That's when we'll get the truly idealized conception of a composer's music."

Unhappy About It

Scott is the one who conceived such weirdly fascinating compositions as "Powerhouse," a day in the life of electricity, and "Dinner Music for a Pack of Hungry Cannibals," which sounds exactly like its title. He also leads a seven-man "quintet" which is about the only group unorthodox enough to be able to play the music he writes.

Scott is unhappy about the inability of a composer to give an audience the music as he actually hears it in his mind.

"The human element makes it impossible. The composer can't get it down on paper exactly as he hears it, the musicians can't play it as the composer hears it in his mind. I can't even play my own stuff exactly as I hear it in my mind. It's a pretty sad state of affairs."

Electrodes to Do It

"That's where this thought transference business is going to revolutionize music.

"The composer will sit all alone on a concert stage. He'll have electrodes affixed to his head. He'll just sit there and think out the whole works. If it's a symphony, he'll have to be 60 or 70 instruments at once but it will be exactly what he thinks it should be.

"Mechanical equipment will pick up his brain waves and the audience will get the music without any distortion of the original idea."

Scott admitted that such performances sometimes will present little problems. The composer may forget a couple of bars of some hour-long opus.

No Danger of Flatting

"But he'll never be flatting, either," Scott said. "He doesn't think in flats, even if he plays them."

Scott carries the idea a little farther. Or rather, he is expecting the scientists to.

Instead of forming a band to record his masterpieces, the man with the musical mind will record his brain waves.

This idea should be ideally suited to Scott's newest composition, "Ectoplasm." It is a session at a seance and the listener has no difficulty identifying the gay ghosts chasing through it.

6,000 DEAD, ESTIMATE

Quito, Ecuador, Aug. 13 (UP) — President Galo Plaza Lasso has estimated the Ecuadorean earthquake dead at more than 6,000 it was reported today.

His estimate was given in a special message to congress. He said property damage would run about $66,000,000.

Treasury Losing Huge Sums Due To Diversion

Washington, Aug. 13 (UP) — Comptroller general Lindsay C. Warren charged today that millions of dollars in government revenue are being withheld from the U. S. treasury by government officials and "diverted to unauthorized purposes."

Such practices, Warren said in a report to congress, are an "open invitation to all kinds of fraud and peculations."

Warren said that probably the "most lucrative sources of the funds being diverted from the treasury to unauthorized purposes are the substantial payments made by private enterprises for the privilege of doing business on government property."

This includes, he said, such things as rentals paid by concessionaries operating restaurants, cafeterias, soda fountains and groceries in government departments, and income received in military post exchanges.

In some cases, he said, telegraph companies pay regular commissions for personal telegrams handled by official government communication centers.

These funds are used without authority of law, he said, for welfare activities of government employes. For instance, he said, a portion of income from restaurants may be used to lower the cost of meals for patrons. This amounts to a subsidy, he said.

Warren asked congress to enact law clarifying the situation to "afford adequate protection to the government and at the same time remove the statutory impediments which have tended to encourage the adoption of subterfuge, pretexts and expedients of doubtful propriety, to accomplish authorized objectives . . ."

Warren said his report was "based on information and evidence uncovered and developed in more than 6,000 reports of investigations" made by the general accounting office over the past eight years. He first brought the matter to the attention of congress, he pointed out, in his reports for June 30, 1945, and June 30, 1946.

The recommendations of the GAO at these times "not having been adopted, the questionable practices have been continued and even enlarged,' he said.

Fabulous Diamond Deposits Sought in North Wilderness

Montreal, Que. (UP) — Somewhere in Canada's vast northland geologists believe there is a diamond bed worth untold millions of dollars to those who find it, and are able to work it commercially.

No single geologist will venture an opinion on the exact location of the bed. They say it could be anywhere from the Quebec-Labrador border, even farther north in the District of Franklyn or west in the untracked snows of the northwest territories.

The bed could be under the muskeg of northern Ontario and Manitoba, or under the waters of Hudson bay.

The geologists base their belief on evidence of early this century when diamonds wer found in Wisconsin and Michigan. Their discovery started a mass search of the area, which turned up only a few precious stones.

Geologists who studied them came to the conclusion that the diamonds were brought southward during the ice age along with rocks and clay. But in what direction: southeast, due south or southwest?

For years scientists have been matching various rocks in an effort to trace the course of the glaciers that smashed everything in their path as they moved in a southerly direction.

Some geologists maintain the glaciers moved in a southwesterly direction and argue that the parent diamond bed is in the region of the Quebec-Labrador border.

However, the rugged country of the north is expected to keep its secret intact until communications are more advanced there.

Weather Big Obstacle

Weather conditions would create an almost insurmountable problem for any prospective diamond prospector.

Even if the billion-dollar cache were found, the cost of taking mining equipment into the snowy wastes would be prohibitive. Extremely low temperatures would make it impossible for men to work in the mines.

Transportation of the diamonds, if they ever were mined, would depend on aviation, which more than any other form of travel is subject to weather conditions.

The eventual value of the diamond bed also would depend upon its depth under the earth—and under tons of snow and ice.

Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems*

By ANDREW FOLEY and GORDON H. RANDALL
Insurance Counselors

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