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## MORE HIGHWAY BONDS

With the record of accomplishment made with the funds from the 1951 highway bonds sold to date the Highway Commission now confidently proposes to the legislature that it be authorized to issue \$32,000,000 more bonds with which to advance the construction program. We think the authority should be given. Only as money is made available in these mass amounts can a mass program be accomplished and it is such a program that Oregon needs to provide the improved highways required by an increasing population and a growing volume of traffic. The alternative is to build only as fast as annual income permits and that is not fast enough. The delays, the higher travel cost, the unfavorable summer tourist reaction—all that results from a slow-ball program must be avoided. They can be avoided if by the use of bond money a 10 to 15 year program can be compressed into three or four years.

With funds from the \$40,000,000 bond issue authorized in 1951 we here on The Dalles-California highway have seen the great improvement brought about from Timbers through Gilchrist and Crescent to Willamette highway junction. We have seen the new surface on 28 miles of the Central Oregon highway between Hampton and Gap Ranch. We have seen the improvement of the Ochoco highway and the heavier pavement on the Warm Springs route.

On The Dalles-California the section from LaPine to Timbers will be under contract this month and a little later the 12 miles from the Great Northern crossing south of town to Lava Butte. The new money, if the bonds are authorized, will close the gap between Lava Butte and LaPine and that from Willamette junction to Diamond Lake junction.

Those sections are south of Bend. To the north the section from Terrebonne to the Crooked River bridge will be improved and a new line will be built from Shaniko junction (where the Sherman highway takes off from The Dalles-California) south down Cow Canyon to the Jefferson county line.

This work is important. The 1951 bonds have made part of it possible. Let there now be a 1953 authorization with which to carry on.

## LET SAM DO IT

Oregon cities, through their statewide organization, are or record as favoring social security for employees of state and local governments to replace their own age retirement programs, elected under the state enabling act of some years ago.

We can't blame them for wishing to get out from under now that they have had the opportunity to handle some of the work and experience some of the headaches attendant on retirement plan operation. At the same time we should be tempted to say, "you asked for it," were it not for the fact that their attempt to relinquish a responsibility may help in drawing a line between state and local government functions and those of the federal government.

Social security probably belongs with federal administrative responsibilities where, in large part, it has been for years. Whether it is a proper government function at all is still debatable but there is little likelihood that government will cease to exercise it. To turn it entirely to the government of the United States would be a justifiable simplification.

## Washington Column

By PETER EDSON  
 (NEA Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Some time early in the Eisenhower administration, its best minds are going to have to develop a consistent oil policy. No such policy exists today.

The result—if the United States were suddenly thrown into another shooting world war—would be chaos.

Need for an American domestic and international oil policy is made evident by a number of related developments.

1. Today's great hassle over the Department of Justice actions against an alleged international oil cartel involving, among others, five major U. S. producers.

2. The stalemate over the Iranian oil crisis, and the failure of the British to make a settlement with Iran's Premier, Mossadegh.

3. Soviet Russian threats against the Middle East and the native unrest in this area.

4. The constantly increasing rate of U. S. consumption of petroleum products, when measured against proved U. S. reserves estimated by Department of Interior as sufficient for only 14 years.

5. Protests of U. S. oil producers against American imports of foreign oil, now running at a million barrels a day as compared to domestic production of six-and-a-half million barrels a day.

6. Ex-President Truman's move to transfer U. S. "tidelands" oil rights to the naval reserve.

When all these points are considered together, it is apparent that a domestic U. S. oil policy can no longer be considered by itself. Everything now has to be fitted into the world picture.

This is a subject which has been given top consideration by the National Security Council in recent weeks. NSC is composed of the President and cabinet officers. As such, it is America's top civilian defense and foreign policy determining group.

Far from being able to arrive at any definite decisions on oil policy, however, the Truman security Council left the problem like an unwanted child in a bundle on the doorstep of the new administration.

A report prepared by Oscar Chapman, former Secretary of Interior, was deposited with the founding to outline its ancestry and a few possible feeding formulas.

Everything in the Chapman paper focuses on the Middle East. When Premier Mossadegh of Iran was in Washington last year, Secretary Chapman saw him for two

hours in his hospital. At that time it was believed that a solution of the dispute with the British was possible.

Today that is not so apparent. The possibility of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company never being able to return to Iran must be considered. And if that is the outcome, some way must be found to save the great Abadan refinery for the western world.

This is the prize that Russia wants most definitely. Russian oil production is now believed to be only a million barrels a day. It is enough to harass the non-Communist world, but not enough for a full-scale war.

It would be possible to build a pipeline from Abadan on the Persian Gulf, 700 miles across Iran to the Caspian Sea within 18 months, according to American engineers who have built roads in this area.

That would oil Russia's war. So the importance of allying the Middle East politically with the western world is paramount.

If the entire Middle East oil production were lost to the western world, it would be a drop of American oil that could be produced and rationed to keep the United States and Europe going in case of war.

## Bend's Yesterdays

(From The Bulletin Files)

### THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Monday, Jan. 21, 1918)

Every school teacher in Oregon has been asked by the government to volunteer immediately for urgent work in the execution of the selective service law. A card index of all mechanics and experts in various fields is to be compiled in Oregon.

Because Tumalo has outgrown its school building a new structure is being planned by the district board.

Louis Bennett and W. C. Cooper have opened a new grocery in Bend, in the Pringle building on Oregon avenue.

Floyd Van Cleve has resigned as clerk of the Millican school district.

The Sisters sawmill is short of logs on account of a shortage of horses to haul the logs to the mill.

Federal quarantines have protected America for 40 years against the importation of dangerous insects and plant diseases from other countries.

## Ex-Bend Writer Has New Novel

Wayne D. Overholser, former Bend resident and now of Boulder, Colo., is the author of a new western story, "Valley of Guns," that has its setting in Oregon, with the Harney valley of the Burns country its apparent locale. Burns is not mentioned by name, but "Plute" in "Easter Valley" has been identified as the Harney town. Prineville and The Dalles, however, come in for mention, and most of the range action, including gun play, occurs on the Harney ranges or in "Plute."

The story primarily concerns the struggle of little ranchers against a big outfit that controlled lands to the south and blocked the attempt of small operators to move their cattle to Winnemucca, Nev. A double romance has been woven into the story by Overholser.

### Taught In Bend

A native of Pomeroy, Wash., Overholser grew up near Albany and Eugene, and attended Albany college and Oregon Normal at Monmouth. He received his B. S. degree from the University of Oregon and did graduate work at the University of Montana and USC. After teaching for 16 years, Overholser, while a resident of Bend, decided to devote his full time to writing, and he is now recognized as one of America's top authors of western novels, some of which have Bend as their locale. These include "Steel to the South." He has also written hundreds of short stories.

Mr. and Mrs. Overholser and their three sons lived in Montrose, Colo., before moving to Boulder.

## Others Say

### HAS HIMSELF TO BLAME

(The Dalles Chronicle)  
 Senator Wayne Morse has only himself to blame for the Senate's action Tuesday in depriving him of his seats on the important Senate Armed Services and Labor committees.

Oregon's junior senator has an "independent" following, makes good copy for news reporters and has given the state a certain notoriety.

The denial of Morse's claim to important committee assignments could be considered inevitable under the practice of party responsibility.

This means that a party controlling an administration or legislative body must be responsible for its actions. If the record is good, the party takes the credit. If the record is bad, the voters have a good idea of who and what is responsible and can vote the party out of power.

To have awarded Morse important committee assignments would mean the Republicans assumed responsibility for a senator whose actions could embarrass and harm

## BEND Airport NEWS

By Lee Foster

The burst of flying activity following the new year came to an abrupt halt when the stormy weather returned to the Central Oregon region. The weather discouraged any local men interested in trying their wings and no visitors ventured onto the local Airport.

Pat Gibson, airport manager, and his assistants have been busy reworking the shop for the coming season. It is a never ending job keeping the hangar clear of weeds and other debris, for the prevailing winds blow it in as fast as it is removed.

The Civil Air Patrol at the regular Thursday night meeting discussed ways and means of financing and recovering the LA which is out of service. In case of an emergency the CAP would be severely handicapped without the airplane, since all flying would have to be done in privately owned ships which might not be available. In that event ground parties would be the only service the CAP could provide.

## Bill Would End Time Restriction

SALEM, Jan. 21 (UP)—Rep. Pat Dooley, Portland Democrat, has introduced a bill in the House to make it unlawful to restrict liquor advertising on radio and television to certain times of the day.

Reps. Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie and Gust Anderson of Portland are sponsors of a bill to require employers to grant four consecutive hours time off with no pay on election days so that employees would be able to vote. Employees not registered would have to stay on the job.

A bill to increase payments under the Workmen's Compensation Act from \$45 to \$50 per degree of disability was introduced in the House by Anderson and Sen. Phil Brady of Portland. Another bill by the same sponsors would substitute percentages of wages for the present flat sums authorized as payments under the Workmen's Compensation act. Payments could not exceed \$250 a month.

The party. Nor did the Democrats want him for committee assignment purposes.

The path of a self-anointed political maverick is a lonely, it sometimes well-publicized one. Past history indicates "independents" who flout the people who nominated and elected them don't last long.

## Scholarship Set By Library Group

The Oregon Library association will award this year what it hopes will be an annual scholarship to an Oregon resident working toward a Master of Librarianship degree, Miss Eleanor Brown, Deschutes county librarian and chairman of the group's scholarship committee, announced today.

The grant is for \$150. It is to be used for graduate study at the University of Washington School of Librarianship, the only accredited library school in the northwest, Miss Brown said.

Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and must meet the University of Washington library school requirements. They must plan to spend at least one year following graduation doing professional library work in Oregon. Miss Brown reports that candidates will be chosen also on personal qualifications for library work, academic record, and need.

A few application blanks are available at the Deschutes county library. They must be completed by April 28, Miss Brown advised. Selection will take place by June 15.

Selection of candidates will be made by a committee composed of the president of the Oregon Library association, the Oregon state librarian, the director of the school of librarianship, and Miss Brown.

Further information and application forms are available at the state library, in Salem.

### FIGHT ALLEGED

Ronald J. Hudspeth and Douglas H. Sills were detained by the Oregon state police Saturday night, following their arrest on a disorderly conduct charge. A report revealed today states that the two were engaged in a fight at the Pleasant Ridge community hall.

## Congressional QUIZ

(By Congressional Quarterly)

Q—How much revenue will the government lose when taxes decrease as now provided by law?

A—In his Jan. 9 budget message, President Truman estimated the revenue loss at about \$2 billion in the year beginning July 1, 1953, if tax increases enacted in 1951 are allowed to expire. Expiration dates are: Excess-profits tax, June 30, 1953; increases on individual income tax, Dec. 31, 1953; increase in normal rates on corporation income, March 31, 1953; excise tax increases, March 31, 1954.

Q—Where does the government get most of its revenue?

A—Under present tax laws, direct taxes on income of individuals yield 47 per cent of Uncle Sam's income. Such taxes on corporations bring in 34 per cent; excise taxes total 14 per cent and customs (tariffs) and other receipts bring in the remaining 5 per cent. Estimated federal tax receipts for the 12 months ending June 30 total \$68.7 billion.

Q—How much did the Democratic and Republican National Committees spend in 1952?

A—The Democratic National Committee reported it actually paid out \$2,602,651 and took in \$2,721,289 during 1952, but said unpaid obligations of some \$340,000 left it with a deficit of \$251,772 as of Jan. 1, 1953. The Republican National Committee reported it actually paid out \$2,337,549 and received \$2,999,464 during 1952, and said it had no deficit. Additional amounts spent and received were reported by other Democratic and Republican groups filing the campaign spending reports required by law.

Q—What did the House Campaign Spending Committee conclude after its probe of the 1952 election?

A—Reporting Jan. 3, 1953, it agreed unanimously that federal election laws should be revised

and campaign spending limits raised. A majority of the group also recommended new legislation to apply federal elections laws to primaries and conventions, extend and revise financial reporting requirements, raise spending limits on House and Senate campaigns (now \$5,000 and \$25,000, respectively), and clarify the provision setting a \$5,000 limit on individual contributions.

Q—What was the purpose of the Senate's Jan. 7 debate about whether it is a continuing body?

A—A group of Senators, by arguing that the Senate is not a continuing body with a continuing set of rules, hoped to win ac-

ceptance of revised rules making it easy to halt filibusters. The issue was especially controversial because filibusters have been used frequently by southern forces to keep civil rights legislation from coming to a vote. In the show down Jan. 7, the Senate voted 79 to 21 to table a motion to consider adopting a new set of rules. (Copyright 1953, Congressional Quarterly)

Uranium has been discovered in Cornwall, Eng., in an old disused lead mine near St. Austell, but geologists still must discover if the quantity is sufficient to warrant pumping out the mine and starting work.

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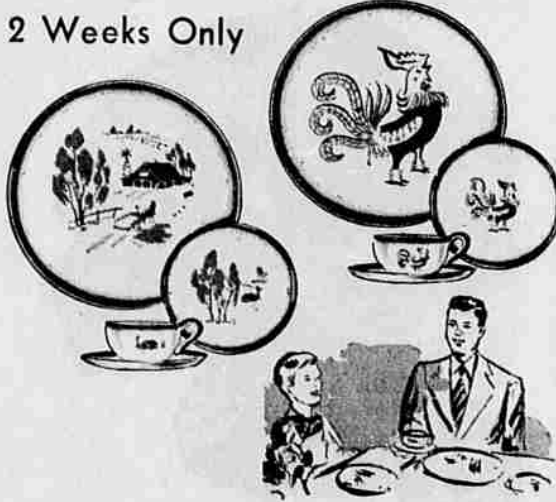
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