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PROGRESS TOWARD IMPORTANT TEST

Since the filing of the amended complaint intended to test constitutionality of the City of Bend water fluoridation program the most commendable progress has been made, markedly in contrast with the lack of perceptible motion in the preceding six months. Now, in a little less than two weeks a ruling has been given in Circuit Court in such form that the case can go on to the Oregon Supreme Court with constitutionality unavoidably at issue.

Once more, however, it rests with the plaintiff to speed up proceedings sufficiently to permit disposal of the case without another long delay. Immediate notice of appeal could, conceivably, give the Supreme Court opportunity to consider the matter at the approaching fall term. Should the full 60 days time for filing notice be taken, however, it is all too likely that hearing would be impossible before the spring term of 1954.

Whichever it may be the suit brought against the City of Bend will, at the moment that the appeal is taken, cease to be the strictly local matter that it has been up to now. Already, as we have previously pointed out, there are cities in the state which have fluoridation programs in operation and others which have fluoridation under consideration. Actually, if not of record, they will be parties at interest.

Going on from there it is to be noted that in no state of the Union has a Supreme Court decision been handed down on this question. A decision in Oregon will constitute an important precedent.

USE FOR TWO BENCHES

New substitution rules in football (for college, not high school teams) may make the game slightly less interesting as some experts are complaining; certainly they will require far more sideline bookkeeping to avoid penalties for illegal replacements. These, it is to be noted will be classed as "un-sportsmanlike conduct" and each infraction will result in a 15 yard loss for the offending team. The difficulty of keeping track of players eligible and ineligible for substitution is at once apparent when it is observed that any player who has competed in either the first or the third quarter and has then been withdrawn may not re-enter the lineup in that quarter; but in the second and fourth periods he may be withdrawn in the first 11 minutes and re-enter in the last four minutes.

An interesting method of coping with the problem is that proposed by Len Casanova, University of Oregon coach, who suggests a "two-bench" system. Briefly it consists of seating eligible players on one bench and those no longer eligible for substitution on the other. It is the simplest that has come to our attention and may be the answer. Certainly it should minimize the confusion that might otherwise easily result. We are of the opinion that it may be widely used.

From Edson's Notebook

By PETER EDSON
(NEA Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Just as many "flying saucer" blips have been showing up this summer on the radar screens of the Civil Aeronautics Authority traffic control towers as were visible last year. But CAA spokesmen aren't talking about it much and they aren't nearly as excited about saucers as they were a year ago.

After studying all saucer reports during the winter, CAA experts come up with the explanation that all such sightings could be attributed to freak weather conditions, like temperature inversions. A T.I. is made up of alternate layers of warm and cold air. These layers can reflect a radar beam, simulating the effect of an aircraft on a radar screen.

This summer the CAA tower men have ignored all these saucer blips as soon as they have checked them out as not being aircraft. Top scientists, however, absolutely sure the temperature inversion theory is the correct explanation for the flying saucer phenomenon, however. And until they get final proof, they're keeping an open mind on the subject.

Behind Defense Secretary C. E. Wilson's appointment of his latest efficiency committee is a long and so far fruitless effort to reorganize the old line army and navy technical services. These include Bureau of Ships, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Army Corps of Engineers, Ordnance Bureau, and so on. For years these technical services have operated like petty kingdoms. Much of the military red tape and huck passing have been attributed to their semiautonomous operations. They were also blamed for the Korean ammunition shortage fiasco.

Last November, former Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett wrote to President Truman that: "Any attempt to reorganize these technical services is like backing into a buzz saw."

Bad Case of Shingles The case of a law which requires the U.S. Census Bureau to count red cedar shingles has been turned up by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. The law was passed back in 1937, when the U. S. lumber industry was worried about competition from Canadian red cedar shingles. Congress thereupon ordered the director of the census bureau to count shingles so that the president could slap a tariff on Canadian imports if they amounted to more than 5 percent of U. S. production.

Ten years later a new trade agreement with Canada wiped out this tariff, but the Bureau of Census had to keep on counting shingles

just the same because the law said so. The Senate voted to repeal this law just before it adjourned this month but the House never got around to it. And so, at last report, the office of shingle counting is still on the job.

The shooting in Korea may have ended, but the costs will run on for a long time. Best guess—there are no accurate figures—is that the war cost the U. S. about \$5 billion a year for the three years. The only reduced costs now are in human lives and expendable ammunition and equipment. The dollar cost reduction might be a billion or two a year.

One by-product of the war is that it has produced two million more U. S. war veterans. If Korean GI's apply for benefits on the same scale as World War II veterans, the cost will be another 2½ billion dollars or so.

This is calculated on the basis of 80 per cent of the two million veterans applying for benefits and receiving on the average from \$1500 to \$1600 apiece in loans or educational expenses.

A Veterans' Administration study made in 1950, just before the Korean war broke out, showed that 12 million of the 15 million World War II veterans got G. I. benefits for a total cost of \$11.5 billion. The average was \$1628 per man.

Dogging the Mailman The Universal Postal Union—the international organization which arranges for the handling of all foreign mails and payment for them to all governments of the world—has just come up with a new set of instructions for letter carriers on what to do when confronted by petty dogs.

The U.P.U. bulletin warns postmen caught with only a mail sack or a fence between the letter and the dog's fangs, "never to show fear or mistrust of the dog." It adds that "friendly or soothing words might be advisable."

"By all means," say the instructions, "never kick the dog—unless, of course, it is absolutely necessary."

Portland Radio Station is Sold

PORTLAND, Aug. 31 (UP)—Sale of radio station KGW to five Portland businessmen and King Broadcasting of Seattle was announced Saturday by M. J. Frey, publisher of The Oregonian, and Gordon Orput, Portland, head of the purchasing group.

The new owners bought all the stock of Pioneer Broadcasters, Inc., from the S. I. Newhouse family. Completion of the sale awaits Federal Communication Commission approval.

Sale price was listed as "approximately \$500,000."

The sale of KGW was prerequisite to acquisition of a 50 per cent interest by the Newhouse family in Mt. Hood Radio and Television Broadcasting corporation, owners of KOIN-AM and FM and the new KOIN-TV.

Pioneer Broadcasting withdrew its application and consolidated with KOIN to eliminate all content before the FCC for TV channel 6.

The purchasing group of KGW is the same as that composing North Pacific Television, Inc. Orput said officers of Pioneer Broadcasting were expected to be identical with those of North Pacific.

SHORT RIDE

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. (UP)—Eager to try out his new bicycle which he had just received on his seventh birthday, Joseph Cousin ran off a sidewalk and wrecked it against an automobile.

labor importation will therefore be cut accordingly.

Mexico has so much unemployment that it is glad to have its surplus labor work across the Rio Grande to find jobs in the U.S. And since American farmers want the cheaper Mexican labor, the two necessary elements are there to make a bargain. Therefore, say American and Mexican farm labor leaders, the abuse won't ever be ended until first—the Mexican government agrees to keep its migrant labor at home, and two—the U. S. government provides for stricter enforcement against illegal labor supplied outside of government contract.

Why Miracles?

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They urged Christ to remain on and raise others of their halt, lame and blind. But to remain, Christ would not. He must press on and send of love to others and back the message with the miracles that said: "He was sent of God—1st Cor. 1:22."

After months of teaching, healing and raising the dead, Christ took your sins and was named sin.

Then He died for you and suffered to the full, the pains of hell your sins had earned you. So He cleared you with God, His Father. Then being the Creator, Giver and Sustainer of life He came from the grave and now indwells with God-life all who will have Him as their own Lord and Saviour.

Don't wait to get good. Come as you are in all your sins. Then look utterly to Him for the new ways and ways. Let Him prove Himself. "He that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out." John 6:27. Geo. N. Taylor. Where you give out the Gospel—the good news—God works. This service sponsored by a Hillsboro Ore., family.

Family Portrait



Others Say

BACK TO NORMAL?

(Hood River News)
Some time ago we remarked about the senseless waste of a federal government department. It seems that the head of a particular department resigned. A news release was sent to this paper air mail, special delivery. At the time, we assumed that most every other newspaper in the country had the same, special consideration—at a cost of thousands of dollars to the American taxpayer.

A reader of these columns, whose indignation boiled, took the pains of clipping our editorial comment and mailing it to all cabinet heads.

Now, in a recent mail, we find a new head has been chosen for the department. And... the news release comes by regular mail!

Far be it for us to claim credit—or to claim credit for our interested reader. However, it is possible that a few voices raised in protest may have encouraged a bit more sanity in that department.

MOTH—NO FLAME

CINCINNATI, O. (UP)—Fire Marshal Walter Zimmer found no fire when he investigated the cause of an alarm, but he theorized that a moth found inside a vault protected by the fire alarm system had fluttered across the system's electronic beam, setting off the alarm.

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Totals Released For Collections Of State Taxes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP)—State governments collected \$10,542,000,000 in taxes during the 1953 fiscal year which ended last June 30, a Census Bureau report showed today.

That comes to about \$68.04 each for every man, woman and child in America.

Federal tax collections during the period totaled \$65,200,000,000, or about \$420 per person.

The state figures do not include taxes collected by cities, counties, sanitation districts and other local governments. But the Census Bureau estimated that nationwide such taxes total nearly as much as state taxes.

General sales taxes were the biggest producers of state revenues, accounting for \$2,433,000,000. Gasoline taxes were a close second, at \$2,017,000,000. Motorists also shelled out \$1,012,000,000 for vehicle and drivers licenses, the third biggest revenue source.

Property taxes, which once were a mainstay of state finances, accounted for only \$365,000,000 of the 1953 revenue.

Most important to the states were individual income levies of \$969,000,000 and corporation income taxes of \$810,000,000.

Study National Levy
The Eisenhower administration is now considering a national sales tax as one of several alternative proposals for raising additional federal revenue if that becomes necessary. Such a tax would put the federal government directly into the state's favorite revenue field and to that extent would conflict with President Eisenhower's long range

Dinner to Honor Leader of Cubs

REDMOND, Aug. 31 — A no-host dinner honoring cubmaster Floyd Miller of cub pack 26, and Mrs. Miller, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Redmond hotel. Committee members, den mothers, and all leaders, husbands and wives, of the pack are planning the occasion to compliment Miller who is leaving soon with his family for Catalina Island, Calif., where he will be senior agent for United Air Lines there. He has been station agent at the Redmond stop for the past five years.

Miller assumed leadership of the local cub pack when it reorganized in January and has kept an active and energetic organization going, assisted by capable committee members, den mothers and dads. Mrs. Jack Hartley is taking reservations for the dinner and asks that these be made with her or the hotel by Tuesday morning. She also advises that any other persons are welcome to attend who would be interested in serving as den mothers or on the committee. The monthly committee meeting will be held after the dinner.

ELECTED PRESIDENT
SEATTLE, Aug. 31 (UP)—Oregon's secretary of state, Earl T. Newbry, was elected president of the National Association of Secretaries of State at the groups' 38th annual conference which closed here Saturday.

goal of eliminating "overlapping" of federal-state functions.
Tax collections by states during fiscal 1953 include:
California, \$1,139,442,000; Arizona, \$74,540,000; Idaho, \$38,755,000; Oregon, \$129,779,000; Utah, \$49,805,000; Washington, \$265,630,000.

BOY INJURED
PRINEVILLE, Aug. 31 — The Pioneer Memorial hospital reported yesterday that Bobby McInturff, Warm Springs boy aged 13, bruised suffered Saturday, when he was run down by two horsemen on the arena of the Jefferson county fair at Madras. McInturff walked in front of horses of a group of boys practicing racing on the arena just after the Saturday morning parade. The Madras Volunteer Fire Department ambulance hurried him to the Prineville hospital.

OFF FOR U.S.
TOKYO, Aug. 31 (UP)—Pfc. Eldon P. Heath, King Hill, Idaho, was among a group of former American prisoners, too ill to travel by ship, that left here by plane for the United States today.

Madras Students Register Today

MADRAS, Aug. 31 — Madras Union High School students registered today, and on Wednesday will begin classes. Classes were started today at Culver grade and high schools. The Madras grade school will begin tomorrow. Registration for students of the Gateway school will be held Friday, and classes will begin the following Tuesday. Classes will start at the Ashwood, Grizzly and Camp Sherman schools on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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