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Not a Political Issue

Governor Martin exposed the sham and hypocrisy of those self-seeking politicians who would further their own personal ends at the expense of the public's interests in early utilization of Bonneville power when, in an address in Portland today, he declared that the question of utilizing that energy "is not a political one."

Citing the efforts of ambitious rabble-rousers to feather their own political nests, the governor said:

The federal government has built Bonneville dam and has provided for its operation and use of the power generated there by either private utilities, public utility districts or municipally owned utilities. The federal government has provided for the proper distribution of this power by transmission lines it will build. The federal government will fix the rate schedule.

The state has provided the machinery for organization of public utility districts by majority vote of the people concerned, and the methods by which cities themselves may engage in the business of distributing power.

The question, therefore, is not a political one. It is one of administration of existing laws and regulations.

Governor Martin might well have gone farther in his denunciation of those who would make political capital out of the question of public or private distribution of Bonneville power by pointing out that such agitation can only retard realization of the benefits that should accrue to Oregon from early utilization of this cheap energy.

While the organization of public facilities for marketing power in those areas desiring such a method of distribution is being perfected, the private utilities should be given access to this great supply of cheap energy. The state exercises adequate control over the private agencies to compel them to pass possible savings on to the consumer, but if they fail the people always have resort to public ownership.

It is the people, not the politicians, who will decide how and when Bonneville will serve the state.

Warning Worth Heeding

In the analysis of the financial status of the Salem water department compiled by Manager Van Patten there is cause for rejoicing, but likewise a warning that disaster will follow any material impairment of revenues during the next few years.

Present and reasonably anticipated revenues, based upon the continuation of present rates and normal growth, should be adequate, the report reveals, to meet the debt service obligations attendant upon the \$2,100,000 of bonds outstanding, pay operating and maintenance expenses and provide for progressive construction of needed extensions and improvements to the distributing system.

Debt service alone will require \$181,000 in 1942. Half a million dollars is the estimated cost of needed replacements and extensions to the system. On the basis of current income this will be available in amounts of approximately \$50,000 a year without incurring further bond obligation.

There is no room in such a business program for any immediate reduction in water rates, and the people should be wary of those candidates for water commissioner who seek election on a platform of reduced charges.

It's a Far Cry

One hundred and ninety-five years ago today Thomas Jefferson, author of the American declaration of independence, was born on a farm in Virginia, destined to become a nation's idol and spokesman of the ideals of democratic government for generations to follow.

It was Thomas Jefferson who laid down the principles later embodied in the constitution of these United States guaranteeing liberty and freedom of action and speech, founded on the principles of relief from burdensome taxation and a minimum of governmental interference with individual rights.

Jefferson's thought was of a government governing little and meddling less in the lives of its citizens.

Today throughout the nation Americans are gathered to do honor to the memory and give lip-service to the heritage they enjoy from this illustrious leader. They will proclaim him the father of democracy and tomorrow repudiate by their actions all of his fundamental teachings.

It is a far cry from the simple democracy of Jefferson to the intricate centralized, demagogic, spendthrift and oppressive government of today.

Guest From Dakota Honored at Dance

Zena—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler were hosts for a dancing party given in honor of his sister, Mrs. Lee Wynn, of Elk Point, South Dakota, who is their guest, Saturday night. The Happy Hour dance club was invited. Local musicians playing for dancing were Dale Crosswell, Ralph Sohn, Mrs. Milton Stephens, Raymond Stephens, Ephraim Sohn, Ray Allred.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Lee Wynn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Stephens and Raymond, Mabel and Henry Anderson, Mrs. Wells Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Looney, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Crosswell and Bessie and Dale, Ralph Nettle, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Davis and Gladys, Rose Marie, Anna May, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Crawford and Wilma, Mr. and Mrs. Chris A. Hallman and Jack, Robert and William, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turnbow and Vesta Mae and Charles, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Magill, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Haldeman and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sohn and Nadine, Mina Lee and Lela, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Holand, Henry Magill, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Sohn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allred and Elmer, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Heide and Virginia, Robert and Mrs. C. F. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butler, Ruth Ahrens, Marion Lynch, Phil Williams, Rose Marie and Edson Butler and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Butler.

Webfoot Nelmen Trounce Bearcats

Eugene, April 13 (AP)—The University of Oregon marked its third straight shutout tennis victory of the season yesterday by defeating Willamette university, 7 to 0.

Summary:
Singles—Crane, Oregon, defeated Bennett, Willamette, 6-1, 6-3; Werschul, Oregon, defeated Gilmore, Willamette, 6-2, 4-6, 6-6; Ellis, Oregon, defeated Gudekunst, Willamette, 6-1, 6-2; Zimmerman, Oregon, defeated Estes, Willamette, 6-1, 6-2; Mann, Oregon, defeated Bertleson, Willamette, 6-2, 6-4.
Doubles—Ellis and Crawford, Oregon, defeated Estes and Gudekunst, Willamette, 6-3, 6-3; Zimmerman and Crane, Oregon, defeated Gilmore and Bennett, Willamette, 6-4, 6-1.

Mill City—Students and faculty of the Mill City high and grade schools will enjoy a four-day vacation over the Easter holiday, classes to disband Thursday afternoon, not to be resumed until the following Tuesday morning.

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Parental Problems

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Lee Ohmart, deputy county clerk, while spading his garden yesterday, let a foot slip and slide down the sharpened side of said spade. Result, the spade cut through his shoe and into his foot. The moral is obvious.

We're glad to report that today is the twelfth anniversary of the establishment of this column and thanks to the numerous customers who have borne so patiently with us

through the years hopefully waiting for said column to say something worth reading. It just shows that a man can live by his wits in this country for a long time and get away with it regardless of the fact that such form of occupation was supposed to have been banished with the advent of democracy. That is, he can live by his wits if he doesn't use too much of same at any one time.

Personally, we celebrated the day this a.m. by taking four doughnuts with our coffee instead of three.

Or Just Across the Street
(Klamath Falls News)
"Don Wells, barber shop proprietor—Certainly any person who takes his citizenship at all seriously should be willing to walk down to the courthouse to register. It can't be more than a block farther than the liquor store for anybody."

Incidentally, if Grant Boyer had put the registration books in the lobby of the Elsinore theatre during the instant stay of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" he'd have been able to have registered everybody in the county right there during the week. And most of the folks in Linn, Yamhill and Polk counties as well.

There seems to be a great ignorance yet among a lot of downtown motorists as to the function of the yellow lines painted on the pavements. A lot of them still think the lines are to be crossed frequently instead of being kept on each side of a car while driving along same. Promiscuous crossing of yellow lines in this way is beneficial only to the coroner, undertakers, doctors, nurses and hospitals, as well as repair shops and wrecking houses.

The Western Union has come out with its annual assortment of canned telegrams and cablegrams for Easter. One suggested cablegram we'd suggest be sent to Adolf Hitler by his friends on this side of the pond, the same reading: "Wishes that you may enjoy a happy Easter and that peace may attend you today and through all the days to come." A lot of people in Europe are wishing him the same.

Another five billion in pump priming seems to be just around the corner. This means another five billions borrowed and spent, plus five billions to be paid back some day and about that much in interest, as well, before it is all paid up. It seems to be mostly priming without getting much out of the pump.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

Washington, April 13—On a cloudy day last week when few legislators were looking, and some of those present seem to have been without their glasses, the house passed one of the most important pieces of business legislation of the session without knowing it.

They know it now, and are not anxious to advertise it, but their private inquiries have gone far enough to develop indications that they have a very puzzling case on their hands, and they may need J. Edgar Hoover.

It has come to be known as the mystery of the Babassu oil bill.

Strange things are often done in congress, but seldom when the unanimous consent calendar is under consideration. That calendar contains the dull, technical, routine bills. Upon it this time was a measure unanimously reported by a house committee containing several pages of technical authorizations for the census bureau to look into the Babassu oil situation, also into Sesame seeds, and various other comparatively minor matters to the country at large.

Competes with Seed

In case you had not heard, Babassu is palm oil, not the kind generally associated with political ward healers, but a product of the palm tree used in making soap, generally soft soap. Southern congressmen are interested in it because it competes with cottonseed oil.

The author of the bill explained to the house the purpose of the legislation was to get a complete picture of the competitive vegetable oil situation in the United States. The house passed it unanimously, sent it to the senate, and then found out several days later that the author had not presented as complete a picture to the house as he proposed to present to the country.

Then it was discovered that down underneath all the technical soft soap was an authorization in the bill permitting the secretary of commerce to go into every business concern of every character in the country every 30 days and get every detail of its operations.

The overlooked Section 2 of the bill would let the commerce secretary direct the census bureau to gather statistics "on the quantity and value of production, sales, shipments, orders, and stocks of commodities, and the activity and capacity of machinery or plants," of all business. He could do it with unexpended balances or appropriations for the census bureau and he could do it "either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually," whenever he wanted to "serve a broad public need of urgent nature."

And the business concerns would be required to cooperate under the same penalties carried in the general census act, namely \$1000 fine

for refusal to answer questions or for answering them falsely.

Still a Mystery

When the provision was discovered, the investigating house legislators thought it might be a planted preparation for the Richberg plan of joint business and labor cooperation through commerce department supervision or for wage and hour action. The authors thought it was not, and indicated they got the idea entirely innocently from the census bureau. But at the census bureau, a suggestion was offered that the idea originated in the budget bureau, and beyond that, no one has yet penetrated.

One thing seems certain. The senate will kill the provision, if not the entire bill. House leaders now claim they knew all the time the hidden joker was in the bill but insisted that the entire bill should not be passed. Their story is it went through when they were not looking. However, republicans confess they did not know anything about it and they are howling mad.

Two constructive results are noticeable: (a) The republicans have bought magnifying glasses to read every phrase of every bill from now on, and (b) Babassu has supplanted banana as the oil most favored in congressional repartee.

Here's the Picture

To furnish you with an idea of the size of this almost inconceivable sum of money:

It has been nearly 2000 years since the birth of Christ, and only a little over a billion minutes. If Mr. Roosevelt had lived these billion minutes he could have spent \$36 every minute up to the first of January this year and kept within his budget of the last five years.

Or if Mr. Roosevelt had paved a road from Washington to San Francisco with the money, he could have made a super deluxe highway 238 feet wide out of dollar bills.

If he had just strung it into a single line of dollar bills between Washington and San Francisco, he could have made 1142 strings of dollar bills from coast to coast.

That is how much \$36,884,000,000 is.

Note—In the same period the new deal has collected in taxes \$19,202,000,000, a little more than half of its expenditures. This figures out to \$285.92 for every man, woman and child in the country.

More Graduated At Mill City Camp

Seven more young men get educational certificates at Camp Mill City, bringing the total for the Dixie boys to 79 graduates. There have been 195 southern boys at this camp; over 40 percent of them having completed some definite amount of educational work for which they have received a written certified acknowledgement. There is 89.3 percent of those now in camp taking up some kind of self-improvement work.

Officer Transferred

Lieut. Phillip M. Cook, formerly junior officer of Camp Rheers, has been transferred to Camp Mill City as junior officer. Lieutenant Cook is an accountant by profession, which helps all officers as a large part of an officer's duty is book work and the knowledge of bookkeeping enables him to perform his duties with dispatch.

Copper Offers to Protect Roadway

Percy A. Copper, appearing before the county court today on behalf of the Willamette Valley Water company's application to construct certain bridges over county roads and to permit paralleling a county road certain distances on the right of way for construction of irrigation ditches on the project southeast of Salem, stated that the company would give adequate protection to the roadway and traffic by posts or otherwise and desired to fully cooperate with the court.

Judge Slegmund advised that the request as to using the county right of way for ditch purposes was placed before the district attorney and a meeting had been set for Monday with the water company to confer on the matter and probably give the county's answer to the request. Copper said there was need for

hurry on the project as acreage had been contracted for beans which had to get the water or the contract could not be carried out.

All-Time Record In School Census

Oregon's school census set an all-time record of 270,530 during the present school year, an increase of 1.5 per cent over last year. Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam said today.

Putnam said the increase of 4.5 per cent in the past four years was caused by migration from the mid-west dust bowl. Malheur county having a 54.12 per cent increase.

Klamath county had the second largest gain, 27.36 per cent, while Hood River county increased 16.42 per cent. Some counties showed decreases as much as 19 per cent.

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