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Not Much of a Concession

From the standpoint of work accomplished the suggestion of Secretary of State Farrell made to the board of control, that the work week of the average state employe be reduced from 5 1/2 to 5 days as a means of establishing a uniform 40-hour week, does not actually represent any great concession to the employes. Few of them really devote 40 hours to the state in return for a week's pay as it is, according to the carefully uttered complaints of their bosses, who for the most part demonstrate little more energy and ambition than do their crews. Departments which are exceptions are so conspicuous by their contrast as to require no special mention here.

In the light of these facts there is no good reason why the official working hours of most state employes should not be condensed into five days of actual work, rather than be dragged out through three hours of non-productive time on the job Saturday mornings. Honest employes will admit that little is accomplished Saturday mornings under the present system, whereby most workers report between 8:30 and 9 o'clock, kill the better part of the next hour in squaring away to tackle their daily labors, then taking a 15-minute coffee period and along about 11 o'clock starting to clear their desks for the closing bell at 12 noon.

The principal objection to Farrell's proposal, a decision on which awaits the return of Governor Snell from California, lies in the manner in which it is proposed to put the plan in operation without legislative sanction. We can well imagine what the ways and means committee of the recent legislature would have done to such a proposal which, despite any protestations to the contrary is going to cost the state of Oregon a sizeable penny during the next biennium. Try as they may to stretch their budgets to cover such unexpected demands, the department head who can make \$6 do the work of \$7 is a rare specimen—even though he were so inclined.

In this respect the legislature is not entirely blameless. It is altogether too lenient in allowing salary and wage appropriations to be juggled about by department heads with the approval of the budget directors, which in this instance means the governor. The legislators should be more exacting in approving deficiency appropriations growing out of situations such as these.

The pattern of what will probably happen is too well established to require lengthy explanation. The 5-day week, with skeleton crews on duty in those departments having wide contacts with the public, will be officially established on a trial basis. Soon it will be discovered that there is a sudden upsurge in the demand for 6-day service that will require substantial additions to the personnel with a corresponding increase in expense. It is the constant development of situations of this kind which account for the ever mounting expense of government; that, and the growing inclination on the part of everyone to do less and less for more and more.

Flagging the Gravy Train

One of the chief evils of federal paternalism, which had a mushroom growth under the New Deal, is that it demoralizes state and local initiative, just as the dole does private initiative, and the gravy train becomes treated as a vested right. This accounts for the grief the republicans in congress are encountering in their economy efforts and the organized political pressure campaigns to resist any slash in federal expenditures or taxation to provide the funds. Not only is entrenched bureaucracy vigorously fighting economy but so are regional and state organizations benefitting by wasteful expenditure of taxpayers' funds. The camel of special privileges having got its head under the treasury tent insists on occupying it.

When Mr. Truman came into the presidency he advocated economy and his record as chairman of the special committee investigating war expenditures justified faith in his economy efforts. But many months after V-J day he sent to congress a peacetime budget of \$37.5 billion, and republican leadership has failed to agree on either of the proposed reductions in the budget, \$6 billion by the house and \$4.5 by the senate.

Meanwhile the cuts in appropriation bills have not begun to approach the latter, and still the hoi goes up that every effort to cut down expenditures is "false economy" and will ruin the country and the president along with the democratic organization in congress has joined in the hue and cry and a veto is predicted unless the slashes are cancelled.

Senator George (D., Ga.), in a recent speech said that he will join the republican drive to reduce taxes, but only when they have proved "they mean what they say about reducing government expenditures." He made a distinction between a "real surplus," represented by savings made in expenditures and the other kind, accumulated "through an unexpected increase in revenues which can melt overnight."

George states that the bulk of such savings must come from reductions in the armed services budget of \$11.2 billion for the fiscal year of 1948. But the republicans have authorized the first financing of the Truman new anti-communist global program, which could cost many billions, fear to slash the military strength of the nation at this most critical time in history. They could be held responsible.

Most congressmen are said to be convinced that there is great and unnecessary waste in defense expenditures. There was during the war when vast sums were squandered that contributed little to defeat of the axis, and this extravagance has become a habit that unification may not correct. But there are a multitude of other budgets that can be trimmed without disastrous results—but the way of the sincere economist is hard.

Capital Post to Name Candidates

Nomination of officers for the coming year will be the main order of business at the regular meeting of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion Monday evening in the Legion hall.

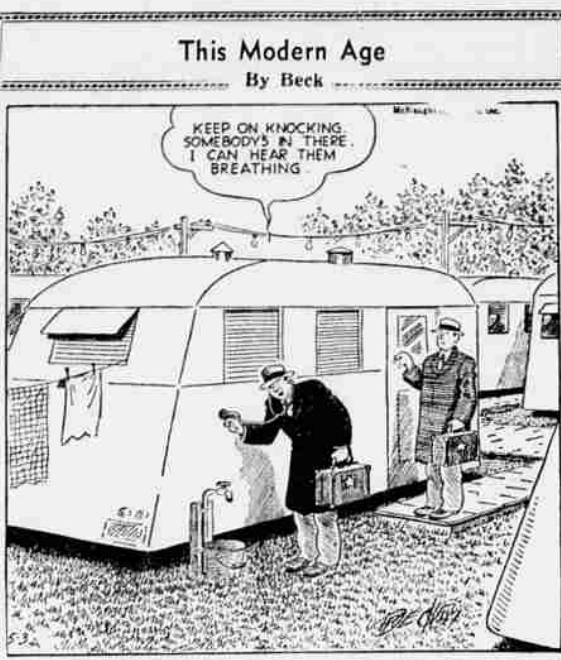
The first nominations of officers were made at the April 21 meeting and elections will be held at the May 19 meeting.

Nominated at the last meeting were: Commander, Lawrence Osterman; first vice commander, Charles Huggins; second vice commander S. W. Starr; adjutant, John Kerriek; finance officer, Conrad Paulson; histor-

ian, Irl McSherry; chaplain, C. V. Richardson; quartermaster, Marion Lamb; sergeant at arms, Charles Domagola. Other officers nominated were for the building and executive committees and delegates and alternates.

Sponsors Card Play

Jefferson—Ten tables of pinocle were in play at the card party sponsored by the Past Matrons club of Euclid chapter O. E. S. in the lodge rooms of the Masonic hall. First prizes in pinocle went to Mrs. Frank Martin and Frederick Anderson and consolation prizes to Mrs. Gerald Phelps and Wilbur Anderson. Mrs. Harold Knight received the special prize. The Past Matrons received \$25.50 at



This Modern Age
By Beck

The Fireside Pulpit

Reverend George H. Swift
Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Putting the Cart Before the Horse—A national figure was quoted in the papers this week as saying that if we are to maintain our democracy at home we must make democracy work in Europe. It is my opinion that this statement should be reversed to read that if we are to create and maintain democracies in Europe. We must make democracy work at home. Of course we should be making democracy work both at home and abroad. But if our influence and words are to carry weight and become effective abroad, we must be solving our problems at home. When we feel a sense of responsibility for the whole world—policing it, feeding it and managing it, the results would be far more effective if we were able to show the world a smooth running economy at home.

Someday, if we cannot manage ourselves, some other country with other methods may step in and manage our affairs. We should set our house in order—very soon, to stall off any such catastrophe in the future.

Our fear of Communism should vanish when the peoples of the world are convinced by observing America that democracy means justice, prosperity and freedom for all its people. In the meantime (as a temporary expedient at least) we look again to our military forces which have so successfully saved us time and again from disaster, to stand by for emergen-

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

There's a beautiful new queen up at Willamette whose home is in West Salem. She ate breakfast with her subjects at the university this a. m., but we haven't had a report on the menu or as to whether it included Wheaties or just what do queens eat?

Novelties

Well-Timed Sprinkling

Roswell, N. M., May 3 (AP)—S. G. Chamberlin was hungry, but it would be a few minutes until supper. So he sprinkled the lawn.

Then something blew up and set the kitchen afire. Hungrier than ever, Chamberlin rushed in with the garden hose and saved his supper—and his house—while Mrs. Chamberlin sought fire department help.

Attention Hatters

San Francisco, May 3 (AP)—William Walker, lighting company executive, may need a new hat any year now.

He says he went to London 42 years ago and saw a hat he liked. For the equivalent of \$6 U. S. currency he bought 25.

One by one he wore them until now he's down to the last of the 25 toppers.

Army Veteran on Duty in Salem

Joining the staff of the Salem army recruiting office this week was a man who has spent 14 years on duty with the army. First Sgt. Joseph W. Meier, a native of Jersey City, N. J.

The sergeant, whose arrival was announced Saturday by Lt. Col. H. E. Hellisen, comes to Salem from San Bernardino, Calif., where he has been stationed for the past year with the air corps. During the war he spent 28 months in the China-India-Burma theater with the Tenth airforce and while over Burma was wounded in action.

Sergeant Meier will be joined later by his wife and month old baby.

to stand by while foreign powers watch gleefully our internal strife, which they hope may weaken us for the kill—to stand by while the United Nations get to functioning, as it must eventually do if we are to enjoy world security.

Let us not be discouraged because the mechanists are not through tinkering with and adjusting this and that part of the United Nations machine. The "bugs" have to be taken out of any new model, we are told. These can and must be taken out of the United Nations. Maybe the Russian brakes may have to be adjusted, or even removed (or by-passed) to get the freedom of movement necessary to go forward! Eventually "what must be done shall be done," and world security shall be achieved.

Dr. Butler, president Emeritus of Columbia University, says, "Whatever any single nation may do by itself, will be temporary and limited, because not even the most powerful or the largest, or the richest can deal finally and satisfactorily with all today's phenomena and problems."

State income tax collections for the first four months of the year were over \$20,000,000, which considering what can be bought with same is worth about \$8,000,000 if spent for new buildings and grub.

Foreign Money Always Welcome

(Independence Enterprise) Jim Hart, local Ford dealer, saved a penny and spent a dollar in Salem Monday. He parked for only a few minutes in Salem, forgetting about the new parking meters, and when he came out found a violation ticket on his car which cost him a dollar at the police station.

Our local baseball team took a beating last evening to the tune of 4 to 1, and just as we figured in a small item yesterday, the fans were around complaining this a. m. that it wasn't much of a ball game. Yesterday after the locals won 4 to 0 the same fans were telling what a swell game same was. On that basis they hope Salem will have a lot more good games than poor ones the rest of the year.

As a rule the job of a banker isn't one which the hoi polloi consider as such a task as to carry with it much of a physical beating, the general conception of a banker being a 10-ton brain set on a 1/2 ton chassis.

But we found on conversing with Jake Fuhrer of the USNB yesterday, who is in his 34th year of banking for that and its predecessor institution, Ladd & Bush, that banking also has its more rugged aspects. It seems for 34 years Jake has suffered off and on from sore knees and a tender spot over the tummy. The sore knees come from rubbing them on the underside of a desk, and the tender spot on the tummy from leaning against the marble counter when the knees aren't shoved under the desk. He gets about a 50-50 break in each position and so when one part of the anatomy isn't cutting up the other one is worn out in the 34 years of shuffling from one posture to the other and no doubt he hasn't kept an inventory.

Maybe Doc Gerald Smith of Woodburn hasn't been thinking much about it, but it won't be long before strawberries will be getting in the pink.

MACKENZIE'S Column

By DeWitt MacKenzie
(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

President Truman a happily described our distinguished guest, President Miguel Aleman of Mexico, as "a grand guy"—a designation which received thunderous endorsement yesterday in New York City from an estimated million and a half cheering spectators who lined the streets through which our visitor rode under one of Manhattan's famous showers of ticker-tape.

As that vast crowd indicated, it has been good to have Senor Aleman with us, and if he has enjoyed his stay half as much as we have, then a notable step has been made in strengthening the good-neighbor relations between our two countries. But his visit means more than that, for it moves us closer to that western hemispheric solidarity which is so essential to the peace and security of North and South America.

That's a matter of extreme gratification in these hard days when the forces of peace work after the manner of our colonial pioneers—with loaded rifles at hand.

Solidarity Stressed

President Aleman himself emphasized the necessity of solidarity in a speech which he delivered at New York's city hall where Mayor O'Dwyer conferred honorary citizenship of the city on him. Said the president: "Mexico's contributions to the work of the United Nations has been heartfelt and generous. But Mexico believes that the first step we must take in the furtherance of the ends pursued by that organization is to uphold hemispheric solidarity strengthening the ties that bind the American republics together."

President Aleman the previous day, in his address before a joint session of congress, had made another point:

"Fortunately in recent times both of us (America and Mexico) have learned a few things. We have learned that isolation is not a good formula for living; that it is not good tactics for security."

It is a striking coincidence that as the Mexican president was delivering his speech, the chief executive of another great Latin American country—President Juan Peron of Argentina—was saying the same thing. General Peron told his congress that isolation no longer was possible and that Argentina must share world problems. He declared that foresight was necessary in the midst of an armed world, and announced that he intended to modernize the Argentine army.

General Peron didn't interpret his remarks, and I think we should be rash to do it for him. It is better to wait and see.

Second Spray Notice Given

The second walnut blight spray notice dated April 29 has been released by Dr. P. W. Miller, USDA plant pathologist stationed at Oregon State college.

If a spray program is followed, Dr. Miller recommends a 4-2-100 Bordeaux mixture. One pint of summer oil emulsion should be added to every gallon of Bordeaux spray in order to reduce the severity of possible leaf injury.

"When convenience and freedom from injury are more important consideration than cost, yellow cuprocide may be used as a substitute for Bordeaux mixture," says Dr. Miller. Yellow cuprocide should be applied at the rate of one pound in 100 gallons of water.

Growers following a dust program, should continue dusting at 7-day intervals. The recommended dust contains 20 percent monohydrated copper sulphate, 40 percent hydrated lime, 10 percent dusting sulfur, 18.5 talc, 10 percent diatomaceous earth, and 1.5 percent light, highly-sulphonated mineral oil.

"If oil is used in the dust, the mixture must be factory mixed, as special equipment is needed to incorporate it in the dust mixture. In the event that the walnut orchard is interplanted to filberts, sulfur should be omitted from the formula as sulfur is toxic to filbert foliage under certain conditions," says Dr. Miller in conclusion.

Seek Identification Of Drowned Man

Albany, Ore., May 3 (AP)—An attempt was being made here today to identify definitely the body of a man recovered from the Willamette river by log boom workmen.

Papers in his clothes gave the name of Edmond Poole and indicated he had worked for the Railway Express agency at Tacoma. His mother was listed as Mrs. Mary I. Poole, 289 Elmhurst, Hyland Park 3, Detroit, Mich.

Coroner Glenn Huston said the man was about 50 and was in the water about 2 1/2 hours before being found.



Arrive from Netherlands En Route to California—Mr. and Mrs. Sybrand Van Der Dussen of Rotterdam, The Netherlands, carrying two of their children in wicker bassinets, lead their other nine children off plane at LaGuardia field, after flight from Amsterdam. The family, said to be largest to come to United States by air, is en route to Bellflower, Calif., where Van Der Dussen will operate a dairy farm. (AP Wirephoto)

Lost Fliers Hurt But Safe

Roseburg, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Two fliers, missing since Monday on a flight from Medford to Eugene, walked 30 miles from their crashed plane to Steamboat guard station 46 miles east of here where they were discovered state police reported.

La Verne Hughes and Thomas Miller told rescuers they crashed in a small Aerona Monday about 1500 feet from Buster Butte.

Hughes suffered broken ribs and scalp wounds and Miller a broken nose and knee injuries. They managed to crawl to the Buster Butte forest lookout station. It was unoccupied, but they broke in and rested for two days. They found a food cache and several maps.

They said several times they attempted to signal passing aircraft with a mirror, but were unable to make contact because of cloudiness.

Despite their injuries, they walked 30 miles through the forest, following trails marked on the maps, until they reached Steamboat guard station, which is at the confluence of Steamboat creek and the Umpqua river.

State police were notified by phone, and an ambulance with police escort was dispatched under the direction of Sgt. Paul E. Morgan. The fliers are expected to be returned to Roseburg by 5 p.m.

Miller is a Milwaukie real estate salesman. Hughes, 21, of Portland, holds several Pacific northwest ski championships. He made the trip as a passenger.

The plane was rented by Miller for a business trip to Medford. Weather conditions were poor Monday night.

Old Covered Bridge In Need of Repairs

County court members and road officials examining the 40-year-old covered bridge over Pudding river near McKee on the McKee-Woodburn road, discovered several of the needle-beams which hold up the decking to be in bad shape and decided while the bridge is in line for replacement at not too far distant a date, temporary repairs can be made to permit the carrying of light loads over the structure.

The court has been nego-

Heavy Fish Run At Bonneville

More Chinook salmon passed upstream over Bonneville dam during the month of April, 1947, than any previous year since the Portland district corps of engineers began counting the fish runs when the dam was completed in 1938.

According to Colonel O. E. Walsh, Portland district engineer, a total of 83,520 Chinook and 6,889 steelhead trout during April were counted going upstream to their spawning grounds, making a total of 90,409 for these two fish.

Colonel Walsh said the current spring fish run up the Columbia is still in progress, but all indications are that the run this year will far exceed any previous count by the corps of engineers.

Records for the first four months of 1947 were 30,913 in excess of those for the same period for 1941, the best previous year. The next best year was 1939 when 51,549 Chinook were counted going over the dam.

Since the dam was completed in 1938, all fish passing through the Bonneville dam fish ladder have been counted by specially trained personnel.

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