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EXPERIMENT IN UTAH

Since November, 1948, the state of Utah has been the scene of a startling yet simple "experiment" in politics. All the people of Utah did to touch it off was elect one Joseph Bracken Lee as governor — Governor Lee has done the rest.

The experiment, for lack of a better name, is merely a ruggedly honest, tough, business-like administration of state affairs, but it is so unique in modern day American politics as to attract attention from coast to coast.

There are a lot of honest governors, and quite a few astute ones; what Governor Lee seems to have that many others lack is simple tough-fibered character — sometimes delicately referred to as "guts."

He ran for office on a platform of "an economical, businesslike administration." Nothing unusual in that; except that most politicians will promise all that and heaven too. The astounding thing was that Lee meant it, and started delivering the goods from his first day in office. Six months after his inauguration he had every citizen in Utah howling bloody murder because he refused to spend one cent more than the state's income, no matter how "worthy the cause." Somehow it hadn't occurred to them that economy meant them as well as the other guy.

Federal bureaucrats whimpered and wrung their hands when he refused U. S. treasury money offered on a "you put up two bits and we'll take care of the rest" basis. He replied that Utah didn't have the two bits. You can see what a spot the boondogglers would be in if every state adopted such an unreasonable attitude.

Governor Lee is a Republican; that is, he was elected on the Republican ticket. Once in office, however, he was unorthodox enough to demand honesty and efficiency from all state officials regardless of their party affiliation, and Republican heads rolled along with the rest. He infuriated members of his party by refusing to fire Democratic officials who were doing a good job, to make way for deserving Republicans.

The thing which first attracted most notice outside the borders of Utah was Lee's cleanup of the liquor commission. With a system much like Oregon's Utah received the flattering attention of 47 liquor agents who could sell to only one buyer, the state liquor control commission. Governor Lee installed a new commission and announced that the state would no longer purchase from a "resident agent," or liquor salesman who did not travel in three or more states. It was estimated that this resulted in a saving of \$300,000 to the liquor concerns, and Lee notified them that he expected this saving to be reflected back to the state in lower prices. The commission also recovered \$37,000 from liquor concerns for past overcharges. Utah's governor has been trying to interest other monopoly states in combining with Utah to put up a united front against some of the more wasteful policies of the liquor jobbers, without too much success to date although a few small voices have observed that Oregon's situation is a remarkable parallel to Utah's.

State officials voluntarily and hastily reduced expense accounts when the governor invited the public to attend the meetings where these expenses were discussed and approved. Lee instituted a state motor pool, and officials headed in the same direction at the same time were required to share the same car, regardless of departments involved. This pool saved the tax-payers \$100,000 in six months; a tidy little item.

Most of this was in "the other guy's" "department," of course, but

Lee did not hesitate to tread on the sensitive corns of the individual as well. When the State Department of Agriculture wanted \$100,000 to help farmers, the governor said no; the money wasn't there. To the farmers' screams of protest, Governor Lee replied: "Ask yourselves if it's right for the government to guarantee you against loss. What would you think if businessmen demanded that the government protect them against loss? If you were cast away on an island, would you expect somebody else to support you? You know darned well you wouldn't! You'd support yourself or you'd starve to death. That's exactly the fix we're in today, if only we had sense enough to realize it." Soon the farmers were joined by advocates of an airport program, a hospital project, and the state's colleges, from whose appropriation the governor had pruned nearly \$1,000,000. To all the governor's reply was the same: "We aren't going to spend money we haven't got." Lee's formula is simple, and he has invoked no particular strain of political philosophy to explain what he is trying to do. "The government is a business, and should be run like a business," he says. "Each state official should take the same attitude toward unnecessary expense or deficit spending as he would if it were in his own business."

And how is Mr. Lee making out politically? He hasn't taken time to think about it much, and it is certainly evident that none of his innovations have been made with an eye to his political future. However, there is growing evidence that the people of Utah are beginning to appreciate their governor and the idea of a solvent state government without increased taxes, and the possibility of tax cuts in the next two years. After all, no one has starved, no one has gone broke, and lightning has not struck from the heavens. And in addition to his courage and determination, Governor Lee has acted with complete impartiality; he has not pets or pet projects to wax fat while others have to economize. Perhaps in a couple more years the old-fashioned virtues of thrift, complete honesty and courage will have impressed the residents of Utah quite as much as the first impact of an impartial and economic "pay-as-you-go" program enraged them. Thinking citizens are already admitting that Lee has something, even though he has vetoed or reduced appropriations for practically everyone's favorite project. We sincerely hope that Governor Lee's novel program eventually receives the recognition which we believe is due. Not for the sake of the governor, but for our own sakes — the well-being of the American public. For the politicians of all states are carefully watching the "revolution" in Utah, and once the word gets around that sound business methods and iron-clad integrity pay off in politics, we can expect improvements in other states. And think what a few men like Lee could do in Washington!

3 Gas Station Bugarlies Barely Net Expenses

State police are investigating three service station bugarlies on the Redwood highway which netted the thief \$6 in cash and an automobile tire Saturday, June 3. Stations entered were those of R. P. Ripley at Hayes hill, J. V. Garrison and E. Haberman at Selma. Loot taken was from the Garrison station. A Ripley station window was broken and a door smashed in the Haberman station.

Editorial

(Reprinted from the Portland Oregonian of June 6.)

FLAME IN THE FOREST

It was but lately, by calendar reckoning, that we of western Oregon were protesting the wet weather. Recalling this emphatic complaint we were astonished by the recent outbreaking of forest fires. It seemed much too soon for the inevitable conflict of man and flame. However, it needed but a few days of sunshine, aided and abetted by an east wind, to dehydrate the forest lands that so recently had been saturated. Forest fires ensued as they were bound to. The good servant had gotten out of hand again.

The employment of the future, the recreation, the homes, aye, the happiness, were destroyed in economic embryo. Let us suppose that some of these fires in the forest were unavoidable. Still, we face the fact that most of them need never have been. By our own error and heedlessness the green heritage was put to the torch. Can not you imagine the self-reproach, the guilty conscience, the vain regret, of the man whose carelessness has unleashed a forest fire? Yet it cannot be called back, not ever.

The rules of caution need not here be repeated, for they readily suggest themselves to him who gives thought to prudence. If you follow the all-embracing rule you will never have cause to reproach yourself. The good servant can so readily become cruel and unsparing master. When you enter the forest, to work or to play, be resolved that you will not be the one who turns the red scourge loose. Be careful of fire in the forest.

Noising Around

With Edith Farlien

Hello Everybody! Lots of things going on in our Valley the last few days — Fires — Haying — Blessed Events — Graduations — Etc.

The old flu bug has been on the rampage again — Jane Ann Holzhauser's kiddies, also Shirley Wells and daughter Linda.

Speaking of Jane Ann — Reminds me of the beautiful new Pontiac the Holzhausers have.

Our "Gad-Abouts" for the past few days are Les and Hazel Henry and family. They visited Les Jr. and wife and new baby in Emmett, Idaho. Then to Bremerton and Port Orchard, Washington to visit their two daughters. Back by Roseberg to visit daughter Connie. Had to come home to get some rest, eh folks?

Myrtle (Mrs. Louisiana) Kelly and family left for a few weeks visit with relatives and friends "down home" in good old Louisiana — Sure would like some real Creole food, honey!

In our "Happy Pappy" corner this week we have Andy Knipe — Mother Nellie and ninth baby daughter are doing fine — Don't know the baby's name yet, but just give me time.

Also on the "Gone-Away" list, the Jack Popes, Bill Menozzia, Gilda Sella and Mr. Tremayne. A happy trip folks and hurry back!

Jack and Opal Spitz received word from son Norman. He is now in Hawaii. That is a long way from Cave Junction — Norm!

Harry and Ellen Hartwell spent the last week down on the Coast. Hear as how you did a bit of fishing.

The Juel Jandells are visiting relatives down "Californy" way. The weather is much nicer (?) her folks!

Marie White took a bad fall at the theater — Yep — you guessed it — Another cracked rib!

So glad to see Muriel Collman up and about after her fall.

Well folks — It's kinda like I allus say — If your efforts are criticized, you must have something worthwhile.

See you next week — Y. T.

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IVHS Students Win Leadership Awards

THE DANFORTH FOUNDATION
835 South Eighth Street
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

April 28, 1950
Mr. Clarence Hagen
Illinois Valley High School
Cave Junction, Oregon
Dear Mr. Hagen:

Re: Leadership Awards to Doris Hall and Glenn Overstreet

The Danforth Foundation heartily approves your recommendations for "I Dare You." So that you can personally make the presentation, we are sending you two copies of William H. Danforth's inspirational book, to be given with compliments of the Danforth Foundation.

With this letter are certificates given in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities. We would appreciate your presenting these for us with the copies of "I Dare You." They just fit inside the front cover of the book.

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Very truly yours,
The Danforth Foundation
Earl A. Sindecuse

Rogue Valley Standings

Rogue Valley baseball league standings as reported by Vic Smith, secretary-treasurer, are as follows:

	WON	LOST	PCT.
Butte Falls	3	0	.1000
Prospect	2	1	.666
Glendale	2	1	.666
Eagle Point	1	2	.333
Central Point	1	2	.333
Cave Junction	0	3	.000

JOIN THE NAVY

Fellows—if its travel, adventure and security you want, the United States Navy is the place for you. Navy recruiter from Grants Pass will be in Cave Junction on June 20.



SATURDAY, JUNE 10

STAMPEDE
ROD CAMERON
GALE STORM
JOHNNY MACK BROWN
DON CASTLE

SUN., MON., JUNE 11 and 12



TUES., WED., JUNE 13 and 14

JOHNNY STOOL PIGEON
HOWARD DUFF
DAN DURYEA
SHELLEY WINTERS
And
BULLET CODE
GEORGE O'BRIEN
VIRGINIA VALE

THURS., FRI., JUNE 15 and 16

ENCHANTMENT
DAVID NIVEN
TERESA WRIGHT
EVELYN KEYES
FARLEY GRANGER

SHOW REVUE

SATURDAY

When settlers move into cattle-grazing land, they run into difficulties with two cattle-owning brothers, Rod Cameron and Don Castle. To continue the land sales, Donald Curtis and John Eldredge plot to blow up the dam which the brothers are using to keep water from the settlers. Castle is killed and although Cameron avenges his brother, he recognizes his stubbornness and blows the dam himself.

Gale Storm is a saucy settler and Johnny Mack Brown is smooth as the sheriff. The actual loss of the cattle herd and Castle's offkey singing give the picture a welcome honesty.

SUNDAY and MONDAY

"Adam's Rib," story of a district attorney and his lawyer-wife who take opposite sides in the trial of a woman who has shot her philandering husband, bring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn to the Ivy screen in one of the funniest comedies of the year.

It has an excellent cast Judy Holliday, Tom Ewell, David Wayne and Jean Hagen. It's the hilarious answer to WHO WEARS THE PANTS.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

"Johnny Stool Pigeon" is a story told in all its real-life fury. Teaming together to crack the back of the world's blackest racket is Howard Duff, a cop who set a trap with a gun in his back. Shelley Winters, a dame with the wrong kind of past, and Dan Duryea, a killer given a parole to get his revenge. It is filmed where it actually happened: from Vancouver to San Francisco, from Alcatraz to Nogales. A good show!

SECOND BIG HIT

Presenting a stirring glimpse of the cattle-rustling days along the Mexican border in the Eighties, RKO Radio's reissued "Bullet Code." George O'Brien plays a young rancher who believes he

accidentally killed a cowboy in a rustler raid, and seeks to atone for the deed by helping the boy's father who is being harassed by a mysterious assailant. In a thrilling series of adventures at rapid-fire pace, O'Brien solves the mystery and clears up the shooting of the cowboy.

O'Brien gives a noteworthy performance in the role and Virginia Vale makes a charming heroine.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

With an unusual and appealing romantic theme, Samuel Goldwyn's production, "Enchantment," co-stars David Niven, Teresa Wright, Evelyn Keyes and Farley Granger, and also offers a notable supporting cast.

The first of the two love affairs that motivate the action takes place around the turn of the century, and the second during the World War II, with the two episodes linked together by the role played by Niven.

In the earlier romance Niven and Miss Wright are the principals, but family jealousy breaks it up, and Niven is a disappointed and lonely old man at the period of the second affair. How he takes a hand on that occasion to keep Miss Keyes and Granger from duplicating his own mistakes in love, marks the climax of the film.

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