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on the Northwest

If the United States bails out Great Britain in Greece and Turkey, will it eventually lead to this country establishing an empire and cutting loose from the American tradition? Opinion is sharply divided and the division is as great in the ranks of the Republicas who control congress as it is among the Democrats—possibly more so. Democrats, as a rule, are going along with the program proposed by President Truman, although some are in opposition; but the rift in the Republican majorty is unmistakable.

The president has proposed a policy that is definitely anti-communist and the do-gooders, fellow travelers and bleeding hearts, are saying that such a policy will gravely offend Russia and lead to a conflict between the two big nations. They also declare that such a policy will inevitably result in the Unitet States dictating what type of government these counries shall have. What will strengthen the hands of the president is the recent growing unpopularity of communists in this country and the discovery that the communist party has been establishing "cells" in the government itself. There is also the attitude of Russia in he matter of atomic bomb control and the strenuous efforts of soviet agents to acquire the know-how of manufacturing the bomb.

Members of congress—some of them—express fear lest the giving of aid to Greece and Turkey will be the first step toward imperialism, and from these two nations the United States will branch out to take over colonies of Great Britain. In congress there is no such intention at this time, but there is no means of foretelling what the future will bring.

If, it is said, Great Britain now calls for aid to have Uncle Sam take over in Greece, it may later attempt to unload other parts of the burden which it can no longer carry. Many congressmen are not so sure that the British empire is not beginning to crumble and that the British will be insisting that the United States must take up "the white man's burden." The declaration that there will always be an England is not being take at its face value.

But, argue others, why should United States taxpayers pay to maintain foreign governments by means of an armed force when these countries are no concern of ours?

For he nformation of his colleagues Senator Lodge gave an idea of the duplication of agencies in government. There are, said the senator, 29 lending agencies, 34 agencies acquiring land, 29 agencies working on welfare, three insuring deposits, 16 handling wildlife matters, nine dealing with credit and finance, 12 concerned with house construction planning, 14 interested in forestry, four examining banks, 10 handling materials and construction and 85 agencies which are gathering statistics. Looks like considerable overlapping, he said—and there is.

Since 1929 Russia has not given the United States a peek at is recorded patents. However two years ago Russia began asking for American patents in large bunches, sometimes as many as 60,000 copies at a time. The patents desired went back to 1942 and subsequent patents. It may be coincidence, but the patents concerned parachutes, material for parachutes, airplanes and various items associated with airplanes, the gyro compass, trucks, big guns, etc. All of the patents were for American inventions having something to do with war. Patent office officials explain that they are authorized to sell the printed description of patents for 25 cents each. One of the Russian agencies asking for patents was Amstorg, the purchasing mission which has been in the United States for sevesal years. Russia displaved no interest in American inventions until the war was in progress.

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Moro Boys To Go To Track Meet

By Dick Oveson

Moro High swung into track season at top speed this week as Coach Jake Ferguson picked a ten man squad to represent the school at the Annual Hill Military Relays to be held next Friday, March 28.

The Huskie squad will consist of Bob Hoskinson, Carl Zeigler, Dick Wilson, Bill Flatt, Joe Harvey, and Wily Knighten in the mile relay and Dick Oveson, Keith Bayer, Phil von Borstel, Keith Thompson, Wily Knighten and Dick Wilson in the sprint medley.

Most emphasis these past two weeks has been placed on track events, however, Carl vonBorstel has been showing up well in the discus and Bayer, Hoskinson and Phil von Borstel have all looked good in the high jump.

COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY

The city council met Tuesday night and discussed an ordinance to lower the price of the draymen's license from $25. to $5. There has been complaint of having cattle in town and this was discussed deciding to write to the League of Oregon Cties about an ordinance. Other matters at hand were street lighting, caution lights and appearance of city streets in general.

SHANIKO NEWS

Mrs. W. A. Rees and Miss Margaret Olsen were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

The Dance at Antelope Saturday night was well attended by people from Shaniko.

Mrs. Rosa Harris left for The Dalles Monday for medical attention.

Bill and Bob Garrett returned to Grass Valley to attend school after being home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Phifer and daughters Marjorie and Peggy Lou were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Maude Garrett, Mrs. Phifer's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Bardenhagen were guests Sunday afternoon at Mrs. Maude Garrett's.

Miss Pat McCullough was honored by dinner guests at her mother's Mrs. Glade Carrigan's Monday the 17th, this being her birthday.

R. J. Kenney is visiting in Madras with Mrs. Kenney this week.

Spring is here, for a while any way, panters are busy putting new paint on the Carrigan garage and other buildings.

Men are measuring the awning on the local store.

Many are putting in early garden stuffs so let us hope it really will keep up spring weather.

Mrs. Althea Whiteman left for Klamath Falls Wadnesday to settle up business there and move her household here as she will open the Hotel the first of April.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hall returned to California Tuesday. They have been here with Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Johnson.

Rural Accidents Three Times Higher

Rural auto accidents kill three times as many Oregonians as do city accidents it has been announced by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr.

Of the 480 traffic deaths in the state during the past year, three out of four occurred outside the limits of any city or town. Since by far the greatest bulk of auto mileages builds up inside cities, the risk over a given distance or time is vastly greater on non-city highways.

"The first month of this year points to an even higher percentage of rural deaths in 1947 than in 1946," Farrell said.

By "rural" is meant anyplace outside the confines of a town or city. Most of the rural deaths occur on the main highways, U.S. 97, 99, and 101 being the leaders. Speed is the biggest contributing factor.

"We are never going to solve this problem of danger on the open highway until the state builds adequate police patrol," Farrell said.

Prompt action in building up a rural traffic force is being urged since the problem is getting further out of hand almost daily. January gas consumption pointed to the state's piling up over 5,000,000,000 miles this year.

Lawmakers Find Difficulty In Finishing

Leadership in Important Committees Appear Lacking; Tax and Labor Problems

Nine weeks, 63 days, have gone by since Oregon 44th legislature convened last January 13, an unlucky day, for what may turn out to be an unlucky session.

It was known at the beginning of the session that the state needed some eight or ten million dollars of additional revenue, mostly in the general fund. That new taxes for income and excise taxes go to offset property taxes and do not go into the general fund. Transfers of them to the general fund must be referred to the people, although it is considered possible by some to put excise tax revenue into the general fund by act of the legislature. That was the governor's proposal.

The house assessment and taxation committee has so far found it impossible to find and agree on many revenue bills. It did pass out a cigarette tax bill which might raise $2,000,000 per year, but it is set for two years only which means that opponents of it can initiate against it and save all but seven months of the tax. This they would certainly do. Therefore it is not assured income.

Argument has waxed heavy over a proposal for an increased gas tax or a tax on cars to be used it wouldn't help the general fund this has not been accepted, and for the benefit of counties, but anyway, except that it might let counties use some funds now used for roads to be put into their welfare costs.

The withholding tax on all labor is an income tax that brings no aid to the general fund. The proposed tax on slot machines is still in the committee and it would bring in a millon or more for the depleted fund.

Leadershp in some of the more important committees appears lacking although no criticism falls to the chairmen thereof who have worked faithfully, if not with abilities other than executive.

The house is still keeping its bills close down on labor organizations and the senate still has its bills which the house is awaiting, being desirous of making something constructive of the whole program.

The education bills are awaiting action mostly over in the senate as most of them have passed the house. No debate has resulted from their passage as opponents have wanted them to go to the senate where they will be analysed with care. It is likely that the distribution bill for the $15,750,000 fund will come out with form and number of HB9, although some material changes in that original are expected. The senate no has HB80 of the 1945 session and the members of the committee seem anxious to strengthen that bill instead of following the lead of the house in weakening it.

The timber tax of the governor's, is due for a rough time in the senate where opponents may defeat it although the lobby for it has been strong. Why it is being crowded through in opposition to the larger part of the timber men of the state has not been explained.

Welfare took the headlines this past week following the jolt which the supreme court's decision gave the legislature. It was not unexpected. Yet it is now made certain that counties do not have to levy anymore than they want to for relief. The legislature may have to pass a law making such levies mandatory and thus insure enough county money for the counties' share of the land. Otherwise some federal funds may be lost. Counties are going to howl to high heaven and the struggle to see what branch of government is going to absorb the most of the new load is already on. Counties will want their percentage of relief funds cut, which the state has no money to grant.

The sales tax is getting along but there is no enthusiasm behind it and it may not even pass the legislature, let alone pass the people at a special election now destined to be held in early summer. Unless something happens to settle the problems this legislature may adjourn with little done which will make a special session this fall almost certain. That cannot rebound to the credit of anyone concerned.

When it will end is still just a guess. Perhaps in two weeks, March 30, it will be over but it is unlikely that the problems will be settled by then for the job of really grappling with them has not started. The house has passed 381 bills and defeated only four, indicating, not so much quality in the bills as a lack of critical and analytic quality in the members.

IDENTICAL NAMES, WOUNDS, JOBS, CARS

Veterans Administration Photo.

Rudy M. Hernandez (left) and Eugene C. Hernandez are not relatives, but their war and post-war lives run a remarkable parallel. Both enlisted in Army from Texas, each lost a leg in ETO, both were hospitalized at Brigham City, Utah, both married Ogden girls while recuperating, both were discharged late last year, both work as forklift operators at Clearfield naval supply depot and both recently obtained identical new cars from the Veterans Administration-administered program.)

Wasco News Tells Of The Death Of Charles A. Akers

Charles Arron Akers passed away in Portland March 14th, he leaves a daughter Melinice Akers. Mrs. Akers lived in Sherman county and used to own and operate what was then known as The Candy Kitchen no owned by Stephen O'Meara.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Zell had guests from Portland over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson and son of California are visiting the latters mother Mrs. Marion Medler.

The Dorcas Society of the Christian church held their class party Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ora Workman with Mrs. R. H. McKean assisting hostess. The St. Patricks motive was carried out in the table decoration and program. There were 21 ladies present. Mrs. T. L. Field poured and refreshments were served in the late afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lamborn, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Root and Mrs. A. M. Huckin were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Viggo B. Haufelt in The Dalles and later attended the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillen of Stevenson, Wn. were week-end guests of Mrs. Ruby McCann and Miss Olive Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wangeman of Portland are house guests of Mrs. Wanegman's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett.

Mrs. Pearl Grosscup left Sunday on a business trip to Portland.

The Women of Woodcraft met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins. Election of officers was held followed by refreshments.

Mrs. Howard Norton of Los Angeles, California was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard DeNoma of Seattle, Wn. were overnight guests of the former's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew DeNoma.

Ed Fieldman returned from Hermiston after two weeks with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moffie.

Mrs. Lewis Hasting entertained her contract club Thursday afternoon. A 1:30 dessert-luncheon was served followed by 2 tables of cards. Mrs. B. Estrelle Hailey held high score.

Eugene Gosson left Monday for Portland where he will be employed.

Max Kunney of Seattle, Wn. visited friends last week in Wasco.

The Tillicum card club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna Lee. A 1:30 o'clock dessert-luncheon was served followed by three tables of bridge. High score was held by Mrs. W. A. Nisbet and low by Mrs. L. E. Dehlar.

Mrs. A. J. Smith was taken to the Mid-Columbia hospital Thursday

A daughter, Mary Lucas, was born March 5th in Portland to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Van Dorn (Winifred Forter). Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortner of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hull of Portland were overnight guests in Wasco Saturday.

Sherman Wilcox of Portland was a visitor in Wasco this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fulton returned last Sunday after several months motor trip to Arizona and California.

Miss Jean Lang gave a tea for her students Friday afternoon. The following program was presented: Songs, "Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "Irish Lullabys" by Jean and Shirley McIntyre, Barbara Jean Richards and Nell Coats; piano solo by Patricia Kaseberg, and a play by Janet Workman, Sharon Briggs, Joanne Watkins and Patricia Kaseberg. Refreshments were served.

The Sherman County Teachers association met as Wasco Monday evening. A 6:30 o'clock turkey dinner was served at the Sherman Hotel Coffee Shop followed by a business meeting.

Minister Stephen spent the first part of this week with his ill brother at Pleasant Home, Oregon.

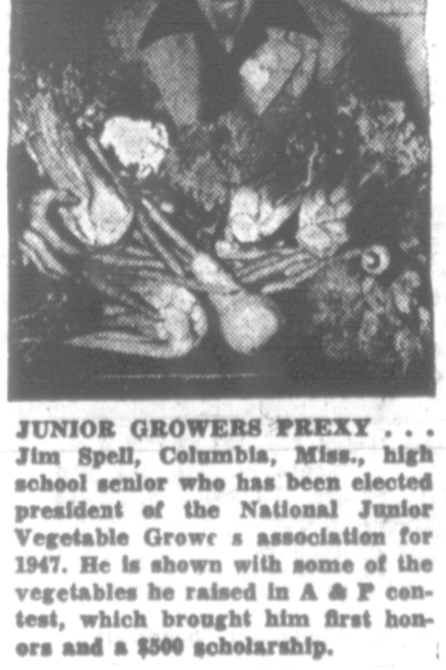
DEATH RATE ABOVE AVERAGE FOR MONTH

Oregon's highway death rate mounted to 11.9 for the first month of this year, it has been annouced by Secretary of State Robert S. arrell Jr. A total of 39 lives were lost during the month.

"This rate of 11.9 is above the average for 1946 and above the rate for January of last year," Farrell said. "That is an ominous sigh."

The rate is figured as the number of traffic deaths per 100,000,000 miles of auto travel. Specialists consider it a much more reliable index to the safety picture than the simple number of fatalities.

Farrell explained that the high death rate figure means that, mile for mile, travel has been more hazardous this year than last. Rural accidents are continuing to account for most of the deaths.



JUNIOR GROWERS PREXY . . . Jim Spell, Columbia, Miss., high school senior who has been elected president of the National Junior Vegetable Growe s association for 1947. He is shown with some of the vegetables he raised in A & P contest, which brought him first honors and a $500 scholarship.

Sherman County Cattle Men Buy Stock

Harold Eakin, Fred Cox, Elton Eakin, and Ralph Eakin, Sherman county cattle men secured high quality stock as shown by recent purchases at the Spokane sale last week. Harold Eakin of Grass Valley brought home the reserve champion cow consigned by Morton from Lostine with the blood lines of the Wyoming Hereford Ranch and Real Prince Domino breeding. Fred Cox bought two high quality cows consigned by Malhorn from Halfway. These cows also carried Real Prince Domino blood along with Baca Domino blood.

Ralph Eakin of Moro brought home the White Mount Royal heifer consigned by Harold Eakin, which was the fifth highest selling heifer there. Elton Eakin bought two heifers and a bull.

Sherman county eattlemen are becoming more and more among Northwestern breeders. Millard Eakin reports a very successful Shorthorn sale at Prineville of which he is manager.

These breeders will all have cattle entered in the Midco Purebred Breeders Sale to be held at Moro this fall.

Boy Scouts To Have Another Meeting

The meeting of the Boy Scouts turned out rather poorly last Tuesday evening with only three boys attending besides the directors J. C. Ferguson and Carrel Bennett. The older boys are urged to come because there is a definite place for them. Mr. Bennett says that another meeting will be held Tuesday, March 25 at the schoolhouse at 7:30.

Mr. Ferguson will handle outdoor activities already having a camping program outlined for the boys interested in learning and earning badges.

GRASS KILLER MAY SOON BE NEWEST WEED WEAPON

Chemical weed killers that will kill weedy grasses out of broadleaf and legume crops may soon be added to present effective weedicides that kill broadleaf plants out of grasses, says Virgil H. Freed, weed research specialist at the O.S.C. Experiment station.

Research men in Maryland have reported success in killing grass with a chemical with a 24-letter name, isopropylphenylcarbomate, which is harmless to most broadleaf plants and even stimulates tomatoes to better growth, says Freed.

Use of this material is not practical yet on a commercial scale as much more research is necessary on its selectivity. Some of these experiments will be made at Corvallis next summer to see if wild oats can be killed out of flax fields with this chemical. Success would be a big help to the flax industry.

Largest January In History For Gas Sales

More gasoline was sold in Oregon this past January than in any previous January in history, it has been announced by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr.

"On the basis of gas sales, we figure Oregon drivers ran up over 328,000,000 miles during the first month of this year," said Farrell. "This looks as though we're going to have even more cars going even farther and faster than last year, and last year was far and away an all-time high."

Sales in the first month of 1947 amounted to over 27,000,000 gallons. The state received slightly more than $1,200,000 in tax revenues from these sales. It was pointed out that these figures are a clue to the huge dimensions of the traffic control problem facing the people, and that enforcement and engineering measures must keep pace with the expanding highway volume.

"To sit down and watch highway traffic balloon without taking steps to handle and police it is plain suicide," said Farrell. "The greater amount of highway travel brings in greater highway revenue. It's only good sense to use this greater revenue to protect the highway user who pays it in the first place."

Initiation Of New Members In Breakfast Club

Discus City Problems And Annual Clean-Up Day Date Set

The new members of the Breakfast club were initiated Wednesday morning at a regular meeting at the Hotel Moro Coffee Shop. It is said that those with weak stomachs didn't fair as well as those who went through with the whole ting. Those doing the initiating were Vernon Flatt, G. Douma and Harry Benson. Initiated were Merle Beckett, Ed Eaves, Andrew Paulson, J. C. Ferguson and James MacFarlane.

Discussion was held on seeing that the Adams lot was cleaned up and a proposal as brought up about having a caution light placed on main street in front of the hotel and pedestrian lanes painted.

It was decided to hold the Annual Clean-Up day the first meeting in May at which time the local men will dress up and paint trees, clean the park, etc.

Guests for the day were Albert Kaseberg of Wasco and Lou Grage and George Grage, relatives of Vernon Flatt from North Dakota.

GUESTS TO SPEAK AT GRASS VALLEY CHURCH

On Saturday evening, March 22, and Sunday the 23rd, there will be guest speakers at the Baptist Church. Chester Rutledge, Extension Director of the First Bible Conference in Bellingham, Wn. and Eldon C. Whipple, Northwest Director of the China Island Mission, will be present. Mr. Whipple was formerly Dean of men at Multnomah School of the Bible, and is a missionary, home on furlough. He is an excellent pianist and will play a special number at each service.

Flatt-Axtell Wedding Sunday

Sunday afternoon, March 16, at 2 o'clock in the Moro Community Church, Miss Lois Irene Flatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Flatt was given in marriage by her father to Bobbie James Axtell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Axtell, all of Moro. Rev. James K. MacFarlane officiated and Mrs. Helen Sayrs, aunt of the groom, played the wedding music and Mrs. J. K. McKean sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride wore a white sheer dress with fingertip veil held in place by a pearl trimmed coronet. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and carnations. Miss Katie Geiser was maid of honor and Miss Doris Jones and Miss Gloria Douma were bridesmaids. They wore dresses of pastel shades, carrying nosegays of pink sweet peas. Little Claudia Curtis of The Dalles was flower girl. Lighting the tapers were Mrs. Ted Thompson and Miss Clara Mersinger.

Best man for the groom was his twin brother, Billie Axtell. Ushers were Bob and Bill Flatt, brothers of the bride, and John Buether of Grass Valley.

The reception was held after the ceremony at the Odd Follows hall. Cutting the wedding cake was Mrs. P. E. Curtiss of The Dalles and Mrs. Harold Coyner and Audrey Buckman presided at the coffee urn, Mrs. Floyd Flatt at the punch bowl and Mrs. Ted Thompson and Mrs. Billie Axtell served the ices. Mrs. Alton Axtell had charge of the guest book.

Out of town guests for the ceremony included the brides uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Grage of Grandin, North Dakota and Loren and George Grage also of Grandin; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Axtell, Mrs. Vie Race and Mrs. Harold Coyner all of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Curtiss, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ransier and son James and Audrey Ruckman, all of The Dalles.

The bride's going away outfit was a gray dressmaker suit with navy blue accessories, her corsage was the white gardenias from her bridal bouquet.

The young couple will be at home in Moro after a week's wedding trip. Bob is owner and proprietor of the Moro Variety and Remedy.