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HOW PROSPEROUS?

No time or place in the history of the world have a people had so much of everything as have the Americans in this year of 1954. They have houses, cars, electric appliances, food, clothes, farm machinery, nearly two-thirds of the whole world's manufacture, leisure, and a system of social security which it hopes will retain all these things indefinitely.

And we are in debt for every bit of it. If we had to pay our debts we would be broke. We are unwilling to give up any portion of our prosperity in order to make even a token payment on our debt.

We are like a bank stockholder who owes the bank. We won't pay and no one can make us. We hope the bank won't go broke. But is it prosperity?

FARM PROGRAM

The president's farm program will probably not be adopted in this political year although it is an acceptable start toward curing some of the ills that have grown up under the present farm program. In the course of time it could get rid of the huge surpluses but it would be a slow process.

A sliding parity price would tend to reduce plantings but a parity price of 75 per cent would, in normal times, be high enough to keep wheat planting too high for any great reduction in total wheat crop.

The Eisenhower proposal to "insulate" the huge surpluses so they would not be a factor in the market would be very difficult to accomplish although the government might do it if farmers would reduce acreage enough to make eventual reduction of surpluses possible.

Unless some sort of agreement between farmers and the government, as holder of surpluses, is found there will come a time when politics will demand that surpluses be put on the market. That would mean an entire collapse of prices. A major difficulty about having a billion bushels of wheat is how to get it used without hurting future production.

Actually Eisenhower, as spokesman for government, is making a very good proposal. The reduction would not be more than five percent a year and full parity. It is assumed that acreage controls would continue under this program. If the government is willing to hold the wheat growers have gotten used to producing no more than the market will absorb it is a good break for farmers.

It is not assumed that the government would merely hold the wheat, but would make every effort to sell it abroad as needs arose and markets were available to us.

As for this northwest wheat belt. The war-time farm program by establishing inflexible price supports increased the competition northwest wheat growers had so that our market is a local one only. Furthermore it stopped marketing of wheat so that no one is interested in selling it. We can probably raise wheat cheaper than in order to compete against them we will have to have a free market without rigid price support.

If a free market is too high a price to pay to regain our share of the market we might go to the production of sheep or cattle.

WHAT, NO SEN-SEN?

Somewhere in the vast journalistic outpouring that is published every month we read that the sale of vodka is increasing rapidly all over the country.

The reason is not, apparently, that it is a foreign drink or that drinking it gives understanding of those distant people, the Russians. It could perhaps give an understanding of how hard is the life of those doomed to vodka drinking and assist in bringing some respect for the people we are told are our enemies.

The reason, instead, is that vodka has little effect on the breath; that any mixer or fruit juice charms away the boozey odor so associated with our native intoxicants and leaves one smelling like a rose although unable to distinguish a rose from a raw hamburger.

Ladies, who know the advantage of smelling sweet, adore it, said the writer and men can be stiff without stinking. Great is the invention of potato whiskey. This must be the final blow to the sen-sen industry which in another day gave a certain tolerance to the pie-eyed although it came to add assurance to suspicions of inebriety.

TEN BIGGEST STORIES

There is general agreement about the ten biggest stories of 1953 although their location in the list varies. We, of course, disagree or there would be no need of writing this.

Lists include Stalin's death, Korean armistice, coronation of Queen Elizabeth, inauguration of President Eisenhower, White case, Greenlease kidnapping, Berlin fall, Berlin food riots, PW camps, Bermuda conference, Adenauer election.

Not many of them will be remembered long. Stalin had to die soon and the exact time didn't matter; putting a new executive and reigning head into office in the United States and England changed little if anything; the White case is charged with as much politics as policy; the Greenlease kidnapping was merely a miserable crime; the Bermuda conference didn't show although something might have happened there that will come to light later; Adenauer's election assured the west that Germans prefer it to Russia and was a happy mark along a long road.

What seems to be the most important development of the year was the adoption of atomic energy to industrial use. That might well effect human lives from now on to the end of time, at least long after the Whites and Greenleases and Adenauers have been forgotten.

The Berlin riots and the untimely end of Beria may give an indication of some individual thinking behind the iron curtain and be important as guide posts. The Korean armistice is a historic landmark also because it brought some reason to our conflict with Russia.

Start of electric production at McNary dam might well be of more importance to the human race than the inauguration of a president or a queen and certainly the huge surpluses in many parts of the world, and assurance that it is possible for the human race to feed itself in spite of increased numbers, is of prime importance.

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

A New York member of congress has suggested that when and if Hawaii is admitted to the union as a state it be given less than two senators because it has but half a million residents.

That is in keeping with the theory followed by the voters of Oregon when in November 1952 they voted for a constitutional amendment that based representation in the state legislature on population.

Next step would undoubtedly be to base senatorial membership in the United States entirely on population which would give Oregon one senator, California seven and two blocks of western states would be lumped together so that four states would share a senator. Such a movement would to all practical purposes put the west outside the United States in all but geography.

This comes from the growth of democracy in government because of the new deal which was basically opposed to the republican or federal form of government that has prevailed since the constitution was adopted. Pure democracy, it is agreed by political philosophers, is a form of government as dangerous as monarchy and one less likely to succeed for any length of time. Democracy places little limitation on the avarice of citizens and soon becomes mob rule.

This nation is not a democracy; it is a republic.

It has been the contention of those who favor the federal plan for representation in the state legislature that the system that worked so well in the federal government would work equally well for the state. That theory has never been presented to the voters of Oregon. It should be—and perhaps will be.

The opposing contention that states are not sovereign, as are states, is a feeble one. It is based on a technicality. Actually counties are governments; they represent the people; they are actual entities with governments of their own. They were created by the people and by higher government in much the same manner as are states. The creation of Wasco county in 1854 by the territorial legislature was not greatly dissimilar from the creation of the state of Oregon by the congress

in 1859.

An appeal has just been filed to the supreme court asking a hearing on the decision in Marion county that declared the 1952 amendment constitutional. It is based on the provisions that make apportionment a function of the executive and judicial branches of government instead of the legislative. It is, and should remain, a legislative function. The appeal might well be based on the lack of adherence to the federal system of government which each state is guaranteed.

People are more interested in good government than in self government just as they are more interested in good cooks than in cooking themselves.

The following is an article by Gus Norwood, head of the public power association. It seems to us that he may make a complaint well justified, in any event, one that will bear some investigation and review.

Electric power rates in the Pacific Northwest will be artificially increased if the McNary dam cost allocation is allowed to stand.

In a letter of protest to the Federal Power Commission the Northwest Public Power Association states, "The \$63,000,000 of padding on McNary's power costs compares with the final total power investment at Bonneville dam of \$59,507,230. Thus the proposal here is arbitrarily to add the cost of a Bonneville dam into the McNary power investment."

The government's net investment in the McNary dam project as of the December 1, 1956 completion is estimated at \$309,015,400. In its order of December 4 the Federal Power Commission allocated \$283,201,600 or 92% to be repaid by electric power consumers.

Our concern is in regard to the unfair allocation of 97 1/2% of McNary's joint costs to power of the Northwest Public Power Association. "The power house is automatically allocated 100% to power while the locks is a 100% navigation cost. But the joint facilities at McNary total over \$140 million including fish ladders, reservoir lands, railroad, highway and utility relocations, spillway dam, administration buildings and all the incidental. Electric consumers are expected to pay 97 1/2% of such costs at McNary whereas the same commission ordered 50% for Bonneville and zero percent at Fort Peck. TVA uses 40%. We think FPC should reopen this subject and conduct public hearings in the Pacific Northwest.

"Even if the Bonneville formula of 50% allocation to power were applied, McNary power would be no bargain. Eventually it would force a rate increase. The added artificial increase is what is unfair."

NOTICE OF BANG'S CONTROL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 2:30 P. M. on Wednesday, February 3, 1954, in the court house at Moro, Oregon, by the County Court for Sherman County, Oregon, for the purpose of determining whether compulsory testing of beef cattle for the control of Bang's disease and other communicable diseases in Sherman county shall be enforced.

C. A. Tom, County Judge Donald Martin County Commissioner Kenneth Sather County Commissioner 11-12-13c

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

The new Rufus grange master Harland McDonald presided at the first grange meeting of the year, when grange met in Rufus Thursday evening. All officers excepting two were found present.

A past master pin was given by the grange to Rolland Johnson and presented by the new master when Rolland was escorted to the master's station by the stewards. Rolland has been master of Rufus for the past two years and an untiring worker in grange work.

Curtis Neal gatekeeper was installed by county deputy, Mrs. Rolland Johnson. Neal was the only officer who couldn't make it for the installation by the Springwater grange when it came to Rufus in December.

The master and overseer appointed the following committees for this year: Relief: Mrs. Rolland Johnson, Mrs. Will Huck and Will Huck; Legislative: Geo. Fox, Allen Tom and Gordon Harper; Agriculture: Rolland Johnson, Fred Harrison and Atee Wilson; Finance: Mrs. Harland McDonald, Bill O'Brien and Gordon Harper; Youth: Mrs. Rolland Johnson, Mrs. Joe Drinkard and Mrs. Harry Adams; Membership: Atee Wilson, Rolland Johnson and Mrs. Bill O'Brien; Entertainment: Bill O'Brien, Harry Adams Mrs. Joe Morris, Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. Grace Medler; Dues: Atee Wilson, Mrs. Rolland Johnson and Mrs. George Macnab; Card party: Atee Wilson, Mrs. Sam Brock and Mrs. Rolland Johnson; Drill captain will be Will Huck and the degree captain Mrs. Rolland Johnson.

Mrs. William O'Brien, chairman of the Home Ec club said the club will put on a potluck dinner at the grange hall at 6:30 p. m. Thursday for their families.

There will be an officers meeting at the grange hall Monday, January 18 at 7:30 p. m. There will be no regular grange meeting January 21 on account of other things coming up for the members.

A letter of thanks was received by the grange from Mrs. Richie Dingle for the poinsettia plant sent Richie at Christmas time. Richie was a faithful grange worker until he suffered a stroke several years ago. He has been bedfast ever since, and is now in the Wasco county hospital. Mrs. Dingle said other patients enjoyed the plant also.

The grange plans on seeing about indirect lighting for the hall. There's too much glare with the lights they now have. For the lecturer's hour Mrs. Harry Adams had all tell how they spent their Christmas vacation and what New Years resolutions they made.

W. B. Simmons visited grange during the supper hour, which the members partook of as soon as the meeting was over. The Campfire and Bluebird groups met for their first meeting since the holidays. The Campfire girls will hold another candy sale next Wednesday. They are also planning a surprise for their mothers in February. The girls were asked to guess the number of cards out of a deck the guardian was holding. Carolyn Tom won the prize—a miniature Campfire girl doll. A balloon relay race and twenty questions was played. The Bluebirds started making a bluebird sewing club, in order to test the sewing ability of the girls for future projects. Mrs. William Macnab assisted Mrs. R. Bishop in the absence of Mrs. Morris Burnett.

The group of girls received a

donation of money from Frank Medler for which they are deeply grateful. As the groups were just getting organized Judge and Mrs. Curt Tom helped them by donating some money also.

Mrs. Pat Macnab was hostess to the Community Pinochle club at her home Monday evening. Three tables of cards were in play with Mrs. Kenneth Fridley winning high prize. Consolation prize was given to Mrs. Dewey Thomas. Mrs. Thomas will have the club at her home next month. Guests were Mrs. Afton McIntyre and Mrs. Ira Fridley. Late in the evening the hostess served angel food cake, ice cream and coffee.

Guests spending the evening Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stellmacher of Albany and Mrs. Darrel Gutzler and sons of The Dalles. Mrs. Stellmacher and Mrs. Gutzler are nieces of Mrs. Macnab.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab are caring for the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macnab as the babies mother is ill in The Dalles.

Rufus school ball teams are still on the losing side. Friday night the Heppner boys and girls both came for basketball and volleyball games at Rufus (45 of them visitors) and outplayed Rufus in each game. Paul Blackburne made 14 points and was high for Rufus. After the game the Rufus students served sandwiches and pop to all the students.

Rufus made Moro work for their points when Moro beat Rufus at both the volleyball and basketball games. The Moro girls beat by 8 points and the Moro boys had a 19 point lead at the end of the game. George Fox Jr. was high scorer for Rufus with 17 points. After the game the Rufus students treated the Moro students with sandwiches and pop. The Rufus grade school boys and girls went to Kent Friday

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Bethlehem Chapter No. 5 O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Mary O. Coons, W. M. Gwen Ross, Secretary

afternoon for games. The Rufus girls lost their volleyball game. The young boys at Rufus had better luck, being taller than the Kent boys and won easily by a 34 to 24 score. Kent didn't have any eighth graders so the Rufus coach Larry Cagle only used Mike O'Brien and Jimmy Fox for a quarter of the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Norvel Williams coming from Oregon City surprised the George Foxes Sunday. After having dinner the Williams returned to their home early in the evening.

This is the second year in succession that Rufus school has had the honor of having a student picked for the East-West "B" Shrine hospital All Star football game to be played at Pendleton August 25, 1954. George Fox Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox was chosen as a first team tackle. The boys must all be seniors that are chosen. George Jr. has attended Rufus school all his school days beginning in 1942. Rufus-Wasco combined boys in order that they could make up a six man football team. Bob Lecht of Wasco was their coach and he was assisted by Larry Cagle of Rufus.

Al Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake of Fleck Orchard camp, was last year's choice for the Shrine game. Al couldn't play because he was working at the Rufus grain elevators for the summer, and didn't want to give up his job.

It was warm last week with very little freezing temperatures

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE: The County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, has appointed William Harry Ragdsdale and John L. Seary as joint executors of the estate of WILLIAM H. RAGSDALE, Deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them with proper vouchers to the undersigned executors at the office of the County Clerk, Sherman County Court House, Moro, Oregon, within six months from December 18, 1953. WILLIAM HARRY RAGSDALE, Executor JOHN L. SEARY, Executor PATTERSON, BUSH, & BRADLEY, Attorneys for Executors. 7-11c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING Notice is hereby given that Leonard Maurus Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Arthur W. Spencer, Deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account, and the Court has set the 12th day of February, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., in the office of the County Clerk of Sherman County, Oregon, in the County Courthouse at Moro, Oregon, as the time and place for settlement of said accounting and for hearing objections to the same, if any. LEONARD MAURUS JR., Administrator J. Tracy Barton The Dalles, Oregon 9-12c Attorney for the Estate

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