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SUBSIDIES

We've been reading a lot about subsidies lately. You know, sauce for the goose, sauce for the gander, get under the umbrella, put your feet in the trough; all of that sort of stuff.

It may be that we will always have subsidies; in fact, we have had them for a long time in one way or another. Usually they have been comparatively small and have been given for some purpose that was generally accepted as good.

This nation when young gave subsidies of land to early day builders of canals and waterways; it gave railroad builders alternate sections for miles on either side of the right of way (the railroads have to haul much freight cheap yet on the deal and during the war subsidy they hadn't taken the wisest first place); the government subsidized airplane companies by fat mail contracts to keep them developing planes for which we might well be thankful; when American seamen's wages went up shippers got a subsidy to maintain American shipping and this didn't work very well as foreign ship owners hauled freight cheaper anyway.

One definition of a subsidy would include the land given to homesteaders for a nominal sum for a period of residence, the forest claims and the other means of putting government land into private ownership. Subsidies are common enough. We have encouraged small and important industries by the use of subsidies, some that have become very important and necessary.

It seems to be a good rule that subsidies be given for a specific purpose and stopped when that purpose is attained or found impossible or impracticable.

The only way the government can give subsidies in these times is by taxing the citizens, most of the public property having already been given away. Those who have nothing would benefit by a general subsidy system as they pay no taxes. Those who are successful, who make money, who have property would be hurt by a subsidy program.

Permanent subsidies are harmful to the nation and to the recipient. The policy of grants is better. Yet, it does appear very odd that those with a good chunk of the nation's wealth should need a subsidy.

THE ROLE OF INTERIM COMMITTEES

There is probably some wonder as to what an interim committee does and often, even among the members, some concern about what it can do. For years, in Oregon, the reports of interim committees were printed, looked over, and cast aside by legislators. Action was seldom taken.

That is not true now. Either legislators have a greater desire for information or interim committees have been making better reports.

An interim committee is a group of citizens appointed to study, investigate, and obtain opinion about a subject that concerns government. It serves between sessions of the legislature, whence comes the word "interim". It reports to the coming legislative assembly.

Technically it does the studying, the researching, on a given subject in a more thorough and careful way than is possible for a legislature, which is hurried and hurried by a multiplicity of bills. An interim committee considers one subject, although, often, several phases of that.

Oregon has been slow to develop the use of interim committees. California has used them for years, and many more than does Oregon. Oregon once had a legislative advisory service which was supposed to give technical advice and obtain information for legislators. It didn't work, that is, no one asked for its help. Interim committees seems the better method.

The usual interim committee is composed of some legislators, senators and representatives, appointed by the president of the

senate and the speaker of the house and certain other members appointed by the governor often because of some knowledge of or interest in the subject to be studied.

The committee, hires a secretary, probably a lawyer, exists the aid of some researchers, holds hearings and tries to arrive at a set of recommendations that will help to solve the problem to which they were assigned.

It has the advantage of permitting more time to problems, of using the abilities and information of men outside the legislature, of getting more opinions and knowledge applied to a subject than is possible under the normal legislative process. Most of the changes that have been made in recent Oregon law have come from interim committee studies. They do not cost much. Members serve for expenses only, researchers are often state employees anyway.

THE BEAVERS

It seems to us right now that writing about the Beavers of Portland may more properly be restricted to daily papers. A weekly writing about a winning streak, may run into some adverse news before getting the piece off the press.

However, it does seem that a few words of praise of the first week of baseball play by the Portland team might be written. Perhaps the writings of critics helped make the players resolve to show up better than expected of them and it may be that they are better. The training season has been cold and wet and players are not in condition, good pitchers and those not so good, are stiff armed and unable to do their tricks.

Besides the Portland team has a lot of surplus players who are still trying to stick in the coast league and showed it. That includes pitchers. Competition is a great stimulant to better performance.

HARRY ORCHARD

"If Harry Orchard goes to Heaven, we want to go to Hell" sang the miners in Idaho 49 years ago after Orchard had confessed to blowing ex-governor Frank Steunenberg into smithereens at his own back gate.

We have no idea what the long delay has done to the resolve. The trial of Heywood, Moyer and Pettibone failed to bring conviction and Orchard won life imprisonment instead of hanging for his confession implicating the mine leaders. The trial also pushed Clarence Darrow and William Borah into the limelight where they shone for 40 years.

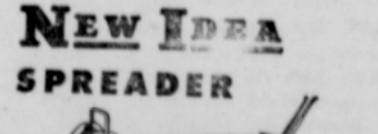
Now the last of the characters in the drama is dead. Harry Orchard, who dynamited dozens to death, just passed to his reward at 88. Surely, it will be said that the extreme violence that distinguished the miner's union troubles in Idaho helped curb such things all over the nation. Labor learned that violence does not pay. And perhaps the bosses learned that better treatment brings better labor.

POSTOFFICE

Anyone who isn't fed up with the postoffice department this week has neither been reading the papers or signs.

Announcement was made a few days ago that the department was going to build new postoffice buildings in several Oregon towns including Condon, Heppner, John Day, Madras, with a cost running in excess of \$215,000 each. It will be very nice for these towns to have a new building of that size that any other agency could build for that amount of money. It will be a civic asset, no doubt. Nevertheless there is no sense in building buildings of that size for post-offices in towns of that size. It is not economical considering rentals and is one of the very good reasons for opposing any increase in postal fees. Why pay more when the money is to be wasted.

Another objection to the same department is the order to shorten the postal day here, and all along this line. Mail will now close at 3:30 instead of 4:30, itself an hour that is unnecessarily early. It is about time we had a reversal of the do less and charge more policy.



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People's Column

To the Editor:

While the report in your paper of April 9th of the taking by the government from Columbia-Deschutes Power company of lands on the lower Deschutes River for The Dalles Dam Project was correct as to aggregate acreage and price to be paid, it was lacking in essential details, which you had not known, and misleading in certain respects. The consideration of \$77,400.00, not yet paid, is to be for the 84.6 acres mentioned and all the improvements thereon, inclusive of those on the auto court and restaurant leasehold on the lands. The lessee is to be paid \$42,260.00 for the latter. In such cases the government settles with the landowner and he must compensate lessees for whatever improvements they may own on the premises. Therefore, the company is to receive \$33,940.00 for the acreage, inclusive of the valuable business site and about 6 acres of garden soil, and its own improvements appraised at \$1,200.00. No value whatsoever was attributed by the government, or insisted upon by the company, for any power development potential in connection with the property.

James B. Adams, Agent
Eastern Oregon Land Co.

Wasco News

Mrs. Augusta Huckin entertained with an elaborate buffet supper prior to the Wasco Woman's Study club's informal dance April 3 at her home.

The red camellias, flowering quince and red roses placed about the rooms came from the garden of her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Walker of Olympia, Washington.

Out of town guests were Mr. Olson, Mr. Gearhart, Mr. Sparks, Miss Flick, Miss Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Valasco, all instructors from the Arthur Murray school of dancing of Portland.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Anderson of Portland; Capt. and Mrs. Leppaluoto and Mrs. John McGraw of The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Art Macheel, Mrs. B. Estrella Halley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bish of Wasco.

All the Arthur Murray guests had Sunday morning breakfast with Mrs. Halley. Later they enjoyed coffee and cake at the Gordon Harper home before leaving for Portland.

NFLA CALLS MEETING

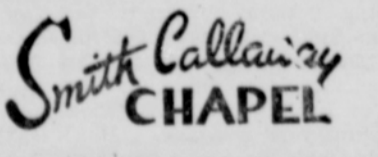
The annual meeting of The Dalles National Farm Loan association will be held at the Mill Creek hall, The Dalles, April 24, commencing with a dinner at 12 noon, announced T. F. Whiteman, secretary-treasurer.

The members will hear reports covering progress of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane and the association, and will also elect one director for a term of three years to fill the vacancy of the present incumbent, Mr. William L. Hulse, Dufur, whose term is now expiring.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Mr. Delos Putz, regional manager for the state of Oregon, will deliver the principal address and discuss the pro-

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minent position the Federal Land Bank fills in the farm mortgage field.

Mr. Whiteman also announced that payment of a dividend of 5% had recently been made to stockholder members of the association. This dividend is made possible by earnings received from the capital stock owned by the association in the Land Bank, which during the past eight years has paid out more than \$2,200,000 in dividends to stockholders, the greater portion of which has been passed on to the association members.

LEGAL NOTICES

CALL FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by School District No. 23, Grass Valley, Oregon, up to 8 p. m., May 10, 1954, for painting the schoolhouse and building a three bus garage and doing some other repair work on the building and grounds. Specifications may be obtained from the board. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Harold Eakin, chairman

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN IN THE MATTER OF CALLING A MEETING OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1

ORDER
On this 7th day of April, 1954, the above entitled Court being in regular session for the transaction of county business, county roads being under consideration, and

It appearing to the Court that a petition has been filed with this Court, signed by the required number of freeholders, asking that this Court call a meeting of the legal voters of Road District No. 1 of Sherman County, Oregon, during the month of April, 1954, for the purpose of voting on the question of whether there should be an additional tax not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar on all taxable property in said road district, the fund to be raised by such additional tax to be expended under the supervision of the County Court upon the roads within said road district, and

It further appearing to the Court that this Court has endorsed its approval on said petition of the proposed additional tax.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that a meeting of the legal voters of Road District No. 1 of Sherman County, Oregon, be held on Monday the 26th day of April, 1954, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. in the circuit court room at the court house at Moro, Oregon, for the purpose of voting on an additional tax not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar on all taxable property in said Road District, and

It is further ORDERED that the County Road Supervisor shall cause to be posted the required notices of said meeting within said Road District not less than ten days prior to said meeting, and that the County Clerk shall cause to be published in the Sherman County Journal the notice of said meeting for two consecutive weeks prior to said meeting and within thirty days of said meeting.

C. A. Tom
County Judge
Donald Martin
County Commissioner
Kenneth Sather
County Commissioner

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Alvin Koen, deceased, are required to present them with vouchers to the undersigned Virginia E. Finley or Clyde L. Finley, at Dinty's Station, Biggs, Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is March 26th, 1954.

VIRGINIA E. FINLEY
Executrix
CLYDE L. FINLEY
Executor
DICK & DICK
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for the Estate. 21-24

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.
Howard Ross, W. M.
H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Rethlehem Chapter No. 75. O.E.S.

Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon.
Betty Christianson, W.M.
Elsie Jones, Secretary

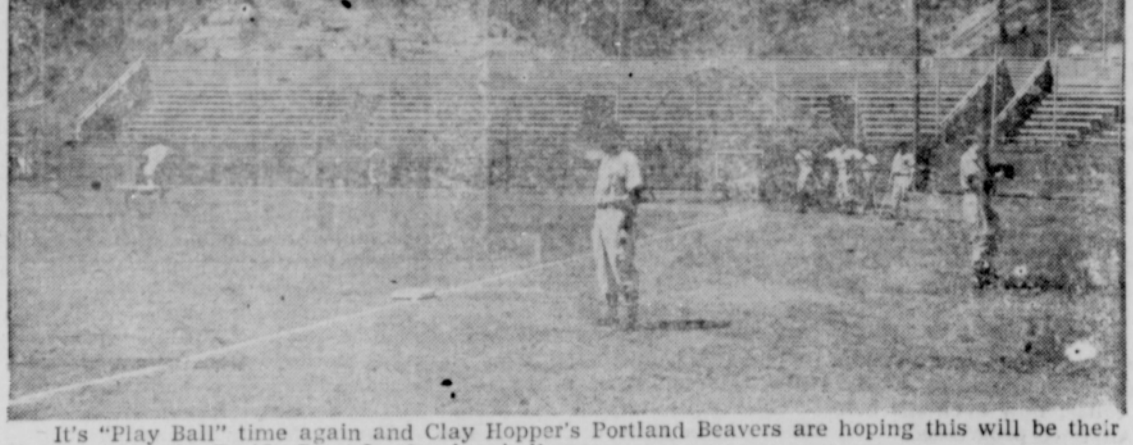
Moro Lodge No. 113 I.G.O.F.

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited.
C. O. Burnet, N.G.
Leo Watkins, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Visiting members welcome.
Althea Burnet N.G.
Jelen Martin, Sec.

THEIR LUCKY YEAR?



It's "Play Ball" time again and Clay Hopper's Portland Beavers are hoping this will be their lucky year in the Pacific Coast League baseball race.

Hopper, beginning his third year as skipper of the Beavers, is pointing toward finishing better than fourth, where the Oregon club ended last year. Baseball experts have labeled the Beavers a team which can possibly unseat Hollywood for the pennant. Hopper, a veteran baseball man and a manager in the Brooklyn Dodger chain for several years, has helped develop such diamond stars as Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Stan "The Man" Musial. Though short on pitching strength as the season opened, Clay hopes to "make it interesting" for every team in the PCL.

From the fans' standpoint, Lucky Lager sportscaster Rollie Truitt, Mr. Baseball of Portland, and his sidekick, Bob Black-

burn, once again will be at the KWJJ microphone (1080 on your radio dial) to describe the play-by-play accounts of every game.

Truitt (left) is shown in the top middle photo with Hopper and George Carroll, vice president in charge of sales for the Lucky Lager Brewing Company, which is sponsoring the Beaver games.

"As a part of the great Northwest, Lucky Lager is always glad to lend its support to Pacific Coast sports activities," A. J. Melsaac, vice president and resident manager of the brewery at Vancouver, Washington, said, "Over the years our association with the Pacific Coast League has been a happy one. We are

glad to bring the Beaver games to sports fans in this area."

Hopper will be depending heavily on such established stars as (top left photo) outfielders Walt Judnich (left), obtained during the winter from Seattle, and George Lechen. In the infield, Hopper again will have his stellar double play combination of Frankie Austin and Ed Basinski (pictured with Truitt in top right photo), who last year set a new PCL record of 204 double plays. The lower photo catches Hopper supervising a spring practice batting drill at Stengel Field, Glendale, California. Rookie pitcher Charlie LaBrun, with Binghampton in 1953, is on the mound.

WANT ADS

WANTED: Ten more subscribers to the Sherman County Journal sometime within the next week.

WANTED: Job on ranch cooking, experienced, 40 years old. Write Mrs. Alice Bartlemay, 1312 Trevitt St. The Dalles, Ore. Giving details and wages offered. 23-25p

LOST—LAST FALL:

Three coming two-year old registered Hereford heifers, branded lazy S-S on right rib. No ear mark, but tattooed on right ear. Reward for information leading to their recovery. Sid Seale, Condon, Oregon. tfn

3977 or 5293, 1205 E. 12th St.

Vern Campell and Jack Null, The Dalles, Oregon 38tfn

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THIS PROVES THAT SHOES HAVE A PERFECT RIGHT TO WEAR OUT

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