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BIG TAXES, BIG PROFITS

We used to read about the poor boy who got a job, saved a few dollars and borrowed a few and went into business which, with care and close attention, made him comparatively rich in his old age. In fact, such stories were considered strictly in the American mode a few years ago.

Now the goal of young men, if we are reading the right stories, is to get a good steady job with some big company, pile up the social security and retire on pension at 65.

Young men who started with the first idea in mind built the big companies that modern young men are working for. It is still too early to tell what such young men will build. But it isn't likely that it will be any big companies for their ideal is to follow a set pattern, take orders, upset nothing. Builders of big companies were pioneers who had faith in their own ideas and no desire to follow or to take orders.

And think what a hard time a man would have who tried to start a new company nowadays. The government would take around six per cent of his wages to lay away for a retirement 50 years away whether he needed it or not, whether he wanted it or not, whether he could spend the money better or not. Then every year the government would take from 20 to 30 per cent of what he had made in profit (including a good part of what he had spent for living.)

If a man wants to start a business now he has to make a big profit or the government gets the business. That is why there is less independence, less inventiveness, less liberty of choice than there used to be.

NEW YEAR

Comes the first of another year and a time for stopping to consider with more than a day to day care what we have done with our life and what are the prospects for doing better.

Actually the prospects are not very good. If we've been going along for 25 or 50 years being mean and disrespectful we've probably gotten into a habit that will be hard to change. Likewise if we've been kind and thoughtful we're not going to get mean all at once. Habit thus takes care of most resolutions.

This doesn't mean that there cannot be improvement in most of us. Other people, especially, could improve. That is just the point. Until we are willing to admit error there is no hope of reformation. Neither do we believe it is necessary to make a public feature out of a resolution or two.

We expect to find our acquaintances much the same after January 1 and also we expect to find them pretty good folks.

TRAFFIC DEATHS

About 600 persons died over the holiday weekend, larger than was expected even by the official pessimists. That is a lot of humans to end their lives on one week end.

The method of keeping statistics is not perfect. It fails to show the numbers that the holiday was responsible for, the number over the normal. And some of the victims died through no fault of their own.

But there were enough who died from their own carelessness and many agencies are continually preaching about highway safety without, it appears, very great success.

Considering the millions of miles traveled and the road conditions over a large part of the nation drivers of cars do a pretty good job of getting there and back safely. The miles traveled per accident is greater than it was.

Whenever we permit anyone with enough for a downpayment to go hurtling down a paved road at a speed faster than a Napoleonic era cannonball some of them aren't going to get to the end of the road. They will eventually eliminate themselves just as the black-tailed jack rabbits that could not resist running ahead of a light eliminated themselves. It is true thousands of careful persons will be killed in the process. But in a

few years the drivers who have to go fast, who will not slow down for curves, who get angry in traffic, who travel with poor conditioned cars will be gone.

The law that will bring this about was named by Charles Darwin who called it the survival of the fittest. No man made laws will be so effective.

IT MAY BE SO

The social changes that are occurring in the United States are the same ones that other nations have experienced and are well known to every reader of history. The results may not be as certain as history would make them appear.

First, the independent farmer is shoved off the land or is attracted to the city by better wages and living conditions and always by more excitement. His place is taken by slaves or by machinery. He produces so much it cannot be sold and the national economy goes bust. The ex-farmer or his sons want to go back to the farm and find the land in bigger ownership.

The difference is that now we have men trained to say that it can never happen to us, that we will not produce too much, that machinery has made half the farmers unnecessary, that social security of one kind or another will take care of the factory workers, that a nation is far better off to have few producing food and many producing manufactured goods. It is possible that the men who said the same thing about England and Rome were as possible.

Actually we are wasting millions of man hours in the production of gadgets that are as useless as the beads the white men traded the Indians and are produced for the same purpose. It has never been proven that it is possible to pile up enough money to keep unemployed workers in the style they are accustomed indefinitely or that tax collections would be possible for that purpose.

There is real security on a farm, a security not all farmers utilize, it is true. A trained man on a few acres can produce a good part of his food and shelter without becoming a burden on the government. The only real security is to be able to make your own living. Living at public expense has always been risky even though the living has been good at times.

These are not the times to be doubting the grandeur of government, its omnipotent power, its ability to do anything under the sun. But all governments have failed to feed their citizens except in times of plentiful production, when no help was needed anyway.

Governments produce nothing. Popular governments are extremely wasteful because their leaders are often venal enough to trade national assets for support. They are a weak thing to rely on.

But one who reads of the populace that lived in Rome on the state, the starvation that came from the movement of Englishmen to the cotton mills is entitled to doubt when the economists say that it can't happen here, that we will go on and on producing more and more, eating higher on the hog each year until we have achieved an economic Valhalla to rival that of the Gods.

BEING BUSY

Being busy has its compensations and it does keep one out of mischief. "The devil finds work for idle hands to do" or something like that was a favorite quotation of grandma who had to have a pious thought in mind to use so naughtily a word.

Americans are probably the busiest people on earth. At least those who go traveling often remark on the ease citizens of other nations enjoy. They talk about time being of no consequence to other peoples who take time out to sing and dance and gather together. Others are wont to loll in the shade and let their allotted three score and ten years roll by without use.

Yet Americans, maybe more than most, have idleness as an ideal. Like other ideals it is seldom achieved.

They actually plan their idleness, working diligently for fifty years to win a few years in old age of doing nothing. And which a life long habit of work makes unenjoyable.

It is entirely possible that planning idleness renders it impossible. The best idlers apparently do not plan idleness or anything else—they just don't work. The way to be idle is to be idle all over mentally as well as physically. Take no thought of time, or income, or taxes.

A citizen from one of the best resting countries must find this country very confusing, with busy people hurrying about, rushing to crowd as much living into 70 years as it will hold, dying of heart attacks, ulcers and continually harried by jangled nerves. A lot of the things we consider essential they have no use for—if you sit in the shade all day you need no car.

Anyhow, thinking about all this kept us busy for a few minutes.

Engineers Make Plan For Federal Aid

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, as a member of the executive committee of the American association of state highway officials, meeting in New Orleans recently, urged congress to adopt an expanded and adequate highway program early in its second session. The urging was presented in the form of a policy statement on federal legislation adopted by AASHO at its 41st annual meeting.

Baldock, along with assistant engineers, W. W. Stiffler, G. S. Paxson and Chief Counsel C. W. Enfield, attended the meeting from the highway department in Salem. Baldock is a past president of AASHO, as well as being on the executive committee for a number of years.

The statement of policy adopted stated that further delay in taking action on a federal aid highway program will cause additional critical traffic congestion and accidents, as well as create indecision at all levels of government in highway planning and construction and thereby materially retard the economy of the U. S. The statement also asked that congress make funds authorized under the highway program available for appointment to the several states by July 1956. It continued:

"Any federal-aid program authorized by the congress should be administered by the Bureau of Public Roads and constructed by the state highway departments—a working relationship that has proved so successful over the past years.

"An enlarged adequate highway program should indicate the intent of the congress to construct the 40,000 mile Interstate System in not more than 15 years and to provide a progressive increase in the federal-aid to the Secondary, Urban and Primary systems. The initial authorization should be for a period of 5 years.

"The matching of funds for the construction of the Interstate System should be a 90% federal and 10% state basis, with the matching on the other systems as now provided under existing legislation.

A 20% transfer provision should be allowed between Secondary, Urban and Primary allocations to make the highway program flexible enough to meet the most pressing needs of the individual states.

"Funds for the construction of the Interstate System should be apportioned on a basis of need as indicated by the section 13 study as reported by the Bureau of Public Roads, and as indicated by future successive needs estimates; such successive estimates to be made at 5-year intervals. The apportionment to the other systems should be on the present basis.

"The subjects of reimbursing for the moving of utilities from public highway rights-of-way, of labor relations and requirements, and of vehicle sizes and weights should not be included in federal statute, but should be matters to be determined at the state level.

"It is recommended that congress give consideration to the dedication of more of the general fund to road construction in view of the federal responsibility in the national defense system of highways.

"Such additional revenues as may be needed in the judgment of congress for financing an enlarged highway program could be obtained by using one or more of the following, and it is suggested that the congress explore these possibilities:

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- (b) A reasonable tax on items not now taxed by the state, but that will serve as a measure of

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4-H Alumni Honored For Service

THREE former Oregon 4-H Club members have been selected by the State Extension Service to receive state honors in the National 4-H Alumni Recognition program. They are: Dr. Harold Peterson of Dallas; C. A. Loe of Salem; and Mrs. John Graves of Haradan.

Each will receive a burnished copper Alumni Recognition plaque mounted on walnut from the Agricultural Divisions. Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation.

The purpose of honoring former 4-H members is to give special recognition to those who have maintained a continuing interest in 4-H work and have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of the communities in which they live.

Dr. Peterson is a veterinarian who donated his services to 4-H members at fair time for more than 30 years. For seven years he has given a \$25.00 scholarship to the most deserving and outstanding dairy club. Dr. Peterson's 4-H honors came to him in his fat hog and field corn projects.

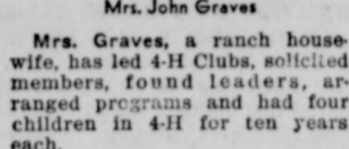
Mr. Loe, agricultural field representative for the First National Bank of Portland, at Salem, is a member and officer of several livestock breed associations, an honorary member of the County Agents Association, associate member of the Farm Bureau Federation, and on various county committees. He assisted in judging herdsman, demonstrations and classes at county shows. He attends and assists at many 4-H Club meetings. As a 4-H member he won two contests at Pacific International and one at Oregon State, and attended club summer school three years. He belonged to 4-H seven years.



Dr. H. Peterson



C. A. Loe



Mrs. John Graves

Mrs. Graves, a ranch housewife, has led 4-H Clubs, solicited members, found leaders, arranged programs and had four children in 4-H for ten years each.

Mrs. Graves was a 4-H'er for 11 years, specializing in swine, dairy and record-keeping, and attending 4-H summer school several times. Her calf project helped start the registered herd in her father's dairy. As a ranch partner with her husband, she has been very successful. She is a Grange lecturer, and boosts 4-H at every opportunity.

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ly decorated tree adorned one side of the stage. The program began with the congregation singing, "All Hail the Power" and "Joy To The World". John Mathieson gave the prayer. The following children gave recitations: Keith Morris, "Greeting"; Junior Peterson "365 Days"; Sonja Peterson "Merry Christmas"; Walter Meyer, "Mother's Present"; Martina Peterson, "Thank You Jesus"; Tommy Morris, "God Bless You"; Shirley Morris, "Once a Little Baby Slumbered". The beginner and primary class sang "Long Ago". Then recitations by Melvin Grant "Lights of Christmas"; Patty and Jimmie Thompson "This is the Day"; Linda Best and Louise Anderson "Questions and Answers"; Loreta Grant "Blessed Little Bethlehem"; Marilyn Baker "On Bended Knee"; Billy Meyer "This Is The Nicest Christmas". Then Ralph Vrana played "Adeste Fidelis". Wayne Liacos giving the recitation, "Through a Stable Doorway"; Bob Anderson, "Give a Christmas Cheer"; Raymond Anderson, "What Would We Do Without Christmas"; Sharon Blake, "I Do Believe". An exercise, "Something for the Savior" with Virginia and Mary Griggs, Virginia Anderson, Janice Best, Donna Mae Hanson, Velma Jane Baker and Douglas Tumlinson, taking part. The junior class sang "Blessed Babe" and "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem". Grace Franklin recited "For Jimmy and Me". A pageant "Gifts for the King" ended the program. The cast of characters were Mrs. John Mathieson as reader; Joan Brackett, Anne Peterson and Grace Franklin as girls; Fay Brackett old man; Wayne Liacos, Bob and Raymond Anderson as shepherds; Velma Jane Baker as Mary; Bobby Byrd as Joseph; Billy Meyers, Junior Peterson and Douglas Tumlinson as Wise Men; Charles Griggs as boy; Jim Franklin as traveler; John Mathieson as minister; Joan Brackett as rich girl; Martina Peterson, child with doll; Bobby Byrd, inventor; Grace Franklin as choir girl; Mrs. Bill Huck, woman; Margaret Baker, child; Ann Peterson and Velma Baker, youths; Jerry Brackett, earthly King. Chester Peterson was the announcer. After the program the church members passed out bags of treats to every one present.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Steward are the parents of a son born Thursday December 22. The little fellow weighed eight pounds and has been named Steven Douglas. The baby's grandmother Mrs. Clark from Seattle is here to be with her daughter awhile. The Stewards have a 2-yr. old daughter, Kathy Sue. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steward are the paternal grandparents.

Wayne Eaton who is at the Fairchild air base near Spokane had a three day pass to be home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Eaton over Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Belloni and sons, Vincent and Steven and daughter, Celia were Christmas dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. John Belloni at Arlington.

Students home from OSC for Christmas are James Griggs son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griggs and George Fox Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford and sons were dinner guests Saturday evening at the George Fox home. They opened their packages together later.

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LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, her Final Account as Executrix of the Estate of Charles J. Bullard, deceased, and that Monday, January 9, 1956, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.
Lucetta Adlard
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Augusta Royse, Executrix of the Estate of John F. Royse, deceased, has filed her First Account and Petition for Distribution in said estate, and that Friday, the 10th day of February, 1956, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. in the County Court Room in the Court House at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing of objections, if any, to said First and Final Account and Petition for Distribution, and the settlement thereof.
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