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ABUSES OF DEMOCRACY
 Of course this country isn't a democracy. It is a republic which is a representative system. Instead of each citizen attending and voting at public meetings they send delegates. Regardless of the proper usage we call our government a democracy.

The abuse of democracy that will result in disintegration of the form of government we like best is the unrestrained rule of the majority.

An example of this occurred last week when the Oregon state senate passed SB 64, the key district bill. Not even proponents claimed that the key district bill was based on a better method of distribution than the present bill. Both, in fact, are based on the erroneous theory that property tax assessments are an indication of taxpayer ability to finance schools.

SB 64 is merely a raid by the majority on the minority.

If such tactics are to continue we may expect heavier taxation on utilities which are an easy target because they collect a lot of money while having many stockholders are never in a majority. We may expect more taxation of the well to do by the ne'er do wells for even in this land of opportunity those who are willing to work hard enough to become well to do are in the minority.

Majorities have responsibilities far greater than do minorities. Majorities must look out for the equities of government taxation. In a day when much voting is done by groups there is an added tendency toward government by irresponsible majorities. Legislators may come to feel that they represent a group instead of the entire population.

In Oregon, under the existing method of apportionment, the timber counties have almost unrestrained power over legislation. After 1960 they will have more. Property taxation regarding timber is extremely unfair. Only a small part of it is taxed at all and valuations are startlingly low.

The remainder of the state is now being asked to further subsidize the timber counties who have long profited by absurd timber valuation methods.

It is very poor government.

Rufus Personals
 Mrs. George Fox

Recent activities at the Rufus church of the Nazarene have included "Queen for a Day" Sunday in the church school March 14. One candidate from each of the four classes was chosen and each candidate received a gift. Then from the four the Queen was chosen, and she received a special gift. They were Mrs. Jean Thompson, Sharon Miller, Barbara Miller and Susan Morris. Susan was elected "Queen for the Day" and after being crowned had her picture taken with her attendants.

March 31 was a special day, because a "King for the Day" was chosen the same way. Candidates were John Mathieson, Jerry Brackett, Douglas Tumilson and Keith Morris. Keith was chosen as "King for the Day" and had his picture taken wearing a crown. His attendants were the other candidates.

Future activities at the church include a spaghetti supper for the Missionary society members at the home of Mrs. John Mathieson, president of the local organization. The supper will be held Friday, April 5.

April 7 will be family day at the Church of the Nazarene. April 14 it is planned to have a "Three Generation Sunday". April 21 will be Easter when the church wishes to have the families attend in honor of the Resurrection of Christ. April 28 will be "Baby Day" with the Cradle Roll Superintendent Mrs. Fay Brackett in charge of special activities.

These church activities were released by Mrs. W. M. Franklin, pastor of the church here.

BUDGETS
 We know of no family that doesn't spend less than it would like to. We know of no government agency that seriously tries to spend less than its planners propose.

A group of reporters found examples of unrestrained spending in the federal budget and there isn't a taxpayer in the land who wouldn't willingly dispense with many government services. Tax spenders say that majority favor huge spending. We do not believe that to be true. Even welfare, which is now well incorporated into the fabric of American life, cannot be continued on the same scale without some sort of inflation which of itself, reduces the value of the take to the individual, would not get a big vote if it could be stopped equitably.

The state budget has grown like the weed it is until no legislature can meet the costs and reasonably expect the people to stand for it. We learn that the plan of this state administration is to keep the mandatory property tax on the books so that property owners will vote for a bigger income tax to evade it. That is a bit of political chicanery we think will be soundly repudiated. The state budget can be cut drastically without damage to needed state services. Basic school is high enough; the demand for building funds for schools is not factual, welfare is too high for prosperous times; higher education need not expand at the risk of damaging the state's economy.

Local budgets, too, can be curtailed by a careful scrutiny of the appropriations proposed. These perhaps less than the others. The budget requests will probably run to \$600,000 and probably ten per cent could be cut therefrom without doing harm.

When farmers are forced to take forty per cent of their land out of wheat production it is time that government resolve to make tax cuts to meet the reduced income of those who support it.

TAX RATES
 The suggestion of House Speaker Pat Dooley that income tax rates start at five per cent on the first \$1000, go to six per cent on the second, eight per cent on the next \$2000 and ten per cent thereafter is a sign that some thinking has been done by the leadership of the prevailing party.

The above figures are on taxable income. Exemption would be put at \$600 per taxpayer or dependent under the Dooley program.

A proposal that the exemption be cut to \$300 and the rates less as they are would probably be more equitable although it would work more of a hardship on those with large families. It would do less to discourage industry from locating in Oregon for plant managers cannot be expected to come to a state with a ten per cent income tax. That is about half of the federal.

Whatever is done the story shows that some thought is being given to getting more money from the low bracket taxpayers. That is where the money must come from if the expenditures are to continue. Low bracket taxpayers are often those who receive most from government and while the theory that a government must get its money from those who have it is sound enough, it is also a good theory to get the money from those who obtain services.

A man with an income of \$5000 and two children would pay \$158 under the Dooley plan and \$130 under the present rates and \$300 exemption. The five per cent rate would catch up pretty fast besides making an additional handicap at getting new citizens. An income tax rate that started at five per cent would be pretty stiff.

Letter From Salem
 By Nicky Tom

On Wednesday of this week all the wives in the House who send columns to their home town papers (we call ourselves the House News Hens) held a press conference with the Governor.

At the end of the session he told us we asked better questions than the members of the working press, which wasn't true, but sent us out smiling. This business of interviewing notables isn't as easy as it appears on the surface. Here are the results of our session:

The Governor still feels that most of his program will be enacted by this legislature. He did not care to guess what this would cost, but he admitted it would be somewhere above the \$265,000,000 figure toward which the House Taxation and Ways and Means committees are pointing.

When asked how he feels about the treatment he is receiving from the press Governor Holmes stated that on the whole he thinks they are trying to be fair with him. Editorial coverage is inclined to be partisan, as is natural, but he had no complaint to make about straight news reporting.

My question was whether he would care to comment on the rumor that he intends to cut most of the higher education building program out of Governor's Smith's budget. He replied, "No, only to the extent that if the higher education budget has to be cut to a lower figure than what they are asking, the cut should come from building rather than salaries."

Commenting on two controversial education measures the Governor told us he is still recommending the \$38,000,000 increase to Basic School Support and believes it will be approved.

He approves the idea behind the Key District Plan, but feels it will be subject to considerable amendment. It may even be replaced by a substitute bill which will be easier on Portland and Eastern Oregon, the bill's principal opponents.

Asked if he would be in favor of designating the Owyhee Lake area as a state park area, he said he was not entirely familiar with the State Park system, but since Eastern Oregon does not have any state parks he feels that it might be a good idea. He then explained that there will soon be an appointment of a five-man park advisory board, completely apart from the Highway Department to make a study of the establishment of state parks in all parts of the state.

In reply to a question concerning the basis on which he is mak-

ing his appointments he said he feels that this is one of the most important functions of the Governor in a Board and Commission state. The appointees must have the proper backgrounds and qualifications for the positions they are to fill.

In cases such as the Fair Board he has to confine appointments to districts, one from each Congressional district and one from the state at large. He would prefer to see some of these restrictions lifted, since ease of transportation has prompted many qualified people to move into the suburbs with the result that they often find themselves just across the line from the district in which they work and could therefore represent.

Our final question, probably of more interest to women than men, was on the subject of a Governor's mansion. His opinion seemed to be that while Oregon should and probably will have one eventually, this is not the time to ask for it.

Many of us are chortling today over the humiliating experience suffered last night by a male House member, who shall be nameless. He had accepted with pleasure his invitation to buffet supper at Governor Holmes' residence tonight. Last night he rushed home and put on his best bib and tucker and drove to the Governor's house, arriving a fashionable five minutes late.

He was somewhat surprised to find so much parking space, but considered himself just lucky. When he rang the bell the door was opened by an attractive lady in a housedress, and he asked if this were the Holmes residence. She assured him that it was, and did he have an appointment?

By this time pangs of doubt were beginning to assail him, but since there seemed to be no retreat he told her that he thought he did have an appointment. She invited him to come in and be seated, and in a few moments the Governor walked in, with, as our unfortunate friend put it, "the expression of a man whose dinner has been interrupted."

After he understood the young man had come to dinner a day early Governor Holmes, obviously trying to help the poor guy over a rough spot, insisted that he at least have a cup of coffee with them and their three guests.

Feeling that it might be ungracious to refuse, the unhappy man

4-H Club News
 WASCO BAKERS
 By Margaret O'Meara

We had our meeting on March 20. All members were present. We discussed our old and new business and sang a song.

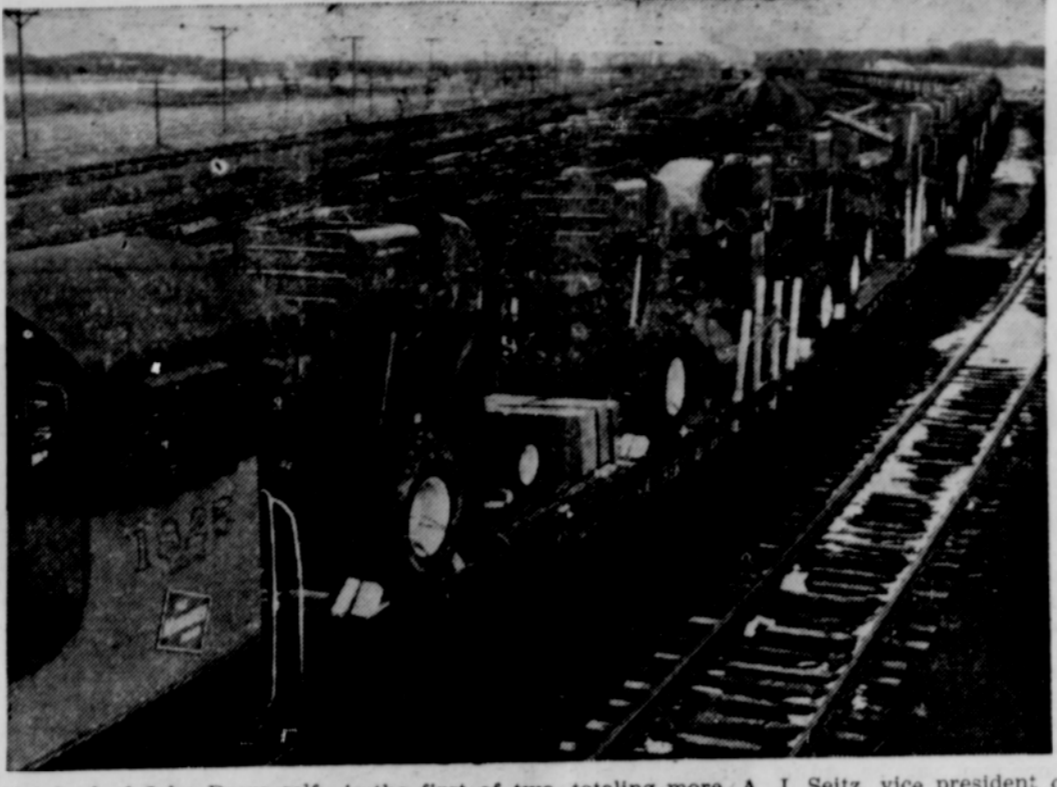
For our cooking project we made as a group Lemon Sponge Pudding and all enjoyed sampling it.

At our next meeting we plan to make a fruit crisp.

HANDY GIRLS SEWING CLUB
 By Mavis Miller

The last three meetings of the "Handy Girls" sewing club has been held in the Home Economics room of Sherman High. This year special attention has been given to demonstrations. March 4, Lana Jean Paulson and Janet Thompson showed the group how to sew in a dart, March 18 Arlene and Jeanie Macnab cut out bias strips and showed the group how to sew them together for facings and other uses. April 1, one of our leaders, Helen Martin, demonstrated sewing in a zipper.

Now the different years are busy trying to finish their projects before the end of the school year. The first year, "Just So Girls", are working on wrist pin cushions, the last item they have to make. The second year, "Sew Its Fun", are finishing their drawing aprons and starting on their potholders. The third year, "Charmingly Yours" are working on their aprons, they still have their matching skirts to make. The older girls are working on spring clothes and sport outfits, most of them plan to finish their projects during the summer.



A trainload of John Deere self-propelled combines, the first train load of such machines ever shipped to the Pacific Northwest during the past week. The 120 cars of combines are worth more than \$3 million. Richard Baum, executive secretary of the Oregon Wheat League;

A. J. Seitz, vice president of the Union Pacific Railroad, and C. M. Peterson, marketing executive from the John Deere general sales office in Moline, Ill., will speak briefly at the ceremonies welcoming the train.

Following his host and wound up eating a whole dinner, after the other five had finished. They drank coffee and tried to chat, but for once our friend's ready wit deserted him. In his words, "I couldn't think of a thing to say."

I sincerely hope the young man realizes how fortunate he was his wife was not along on that ex-

curtion. She would, undoubtedly, have clobbered him. New the big question is—will he work up the courage to go to dinner tonight? Concluding installment next week.

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Statement of Condition
 MARCH 14, 1957

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 OF PORTLAND

RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 146,168,428.14
United States Government Bonds	250,185,391.67
Municipal and Other Bonds	68,737,542.15
Loans and Discounts—Net	330,154,438.89
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,200,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)	12,168,499.94
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	85,074.00
Interest Earned	3,545,450.01
Other Resources	293,671.41
Total	\$ 812,538,496.21

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 20,000,000.00
Surplus	20,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	20,827,056.50
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	6,534,542.60
Acceptances	85,074.00
Dividends Declared	1,300,000.00
Deposits	733,818,188.41
Interest Collected Not Earned	4,199,253.24
Other Liabilities	5,774,381.46
Total	\$ 812,538,496.21

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