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SOCIAL SECURITY

Some information from the office of Senator Maurine Neuberger tells us that 188,696 persons in Oregon are beneficiaries of social security and receive \$12,757,999 per month from that source. That is \$67.61 per month on the average which is no great shakes for money in this inflated age.

In Sherman county 206 persons are beneficiaries of the system and they get \$15,455 per month or 175.90 average. That isn't a tenth of the county's population but is about a twelfth. So we are more independent as to numbers and better paid than the average.

Presumably similar figures prevail all over the United States and show the tremendous responsibility the federal government has assumed by dabbling in the lives of persons who might otherwise have put aside funds of their own. And certainly would have put aside more had not the taxes been so high because of this experiment in social welfare as a vote getting mechanism.

Having taken over this responsibility for the tenth of the population less able to look out for themselves the federal government must keep the dollar at a stable value or increase the payments to meet the inflation. With far too little gold at Fort Knox to back the currency this could become an almost impossible job.

Foreign owners of what was once our gold can make our paper dollars mere paper when and if they become alarmed about our budgetary excesses.

Then what happens to grants?
WILD FLOWERS
On the sidewalk lay a small bunch of the little rock violets that once grew all over the low draws when the county was new and before there was enough stock to destroy them.

The same draws grew wonderful patches of wild onions that the Indians used to gather before the wives of homesteaders found that they were fine with vinegar to spur jaded appetites from a winter of potatoes and beans.

In the low places camas grew and bands of Indians came every spring to gather it until the little lily was only a memory. The squaws dug it up while the bucks ran horse races along the flats, parading their masculinity before the hard working women.

The country is more useful now, producing more of the things man wants—too much in fact. Now it is like a collar scarred work horse, weary and tired, barely able to remember the days when it was a graceful colt running with the wind.

be in too much haste to meet the problems the common market may bring to us. The common market is just getting well started as agreements are made to include different articles of trade. There is yet no certainty that the smaller countries will go along with the master plan.

Furthermore no one has ever been able to foretell what conditions the freer exchanges of goods might bring nor what the new prosperity will do to the consumption of goods in western Europe. They may decide to use all their production and therefore be able to compete less with us in an effort to obtain the business of the world's smaller and less developed nations.

What we are facing is a changing European economy, not an established one and it is not possible for us to know what measures we may need to take to meet it when and if it matures according to present plan. Therefore we are convinced that the bills in congress might well be postponed.

BUREAUCRACY RAMPANT

If any taxpayer obtains any frequently made statements that the state's budget will be almost \$400,000,000 for the next biennium, it is possible he may search for reasons why the cost of state government has grown 20 times in as many years while the population has grown by 50 percent.

We have a theory that the reason why legislators have not been able to stem the tide of expenses (assuming that a majority of legislators desired to do so, which is debatable) is that the agencies of the state are so well organized. It has been years since any way and means committee could obtain a break down of the board of higher education budget, for instance. What is worse with the money is a secret.

Other boards and commissions follow the same pattern as closely as their power and prestige will allow. We know that if any one way and means committee insisted on a complete examination of every budget it would be a never ending job. A committee could refuse to approve any budget until the commission itself made it clear, however. Once in awhile this is done, but only if some representative of the board falls in his public relations.

If the legislature wants to retain its place as one of the three parts of government it must perform its duties better and not let the executive branch (as represented by the board and commissions) dominate the budgetary function of government.

Rufus News

Spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Klock and son Doug of Portland. Driving up Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moeller and sons of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Morris and daughter, Brenda, of Arlington visited Sunday with Wally's mother, Mrs. Joe Morris and family.

Gene Burnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burnett was honored on his birthday with a party at the John Day Cafe. Invited were the entire second grade and their teacher, Mrs. James Fox, last Wednesday May 9. Mrs. Burnett had a pretty decorated cake for her son who is also in the second grade at Rufus school.

Sandra Dowell reports that the 4-H knitting club called the Knit Wits met at the Rufus school library with their leaders Mrs. Bill Baum and Mrs. Jay Brown.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Brenda Jensen. Bonnie Pardue led the 4-H pledge of allegiance. The group discussed having a picnic at Celilo Park and invite a friend which they will do May 15 if the weather is permitting.

Rufus is again having its share of wind. Some of the work was slowed down on account of the wind on the Biggs Rapids bridge. The paving work is coming along nicely on Biggs canyon road near highway 30. They still have the work to do from the bridge to the highway. They expect to be finished next week.

fee maker is free to the club. The historical meeting will be June 10 at DeMoss Springs Park if the weather is good otherwise at the Legion hall in Moro. Grace Medler won the drawing prize. The Sherman County Pomona Grange met May 12 at Harlandview with a ham dinner with all the trimmings at noon.

Orlo Martin, master, called the meeting to order with the following officers: Rolland Johnson, Louis Sather, Mary Brackett, Mrs. Walt Bruckert, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald, Mrs. Orlo Martin, Walt Bruckert, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baum, Mrs. Pearl Brackett, Mrs. Otto Petersen, Martin Zimmerman, Sam Brock and Mrs. George Fox.

Martin Zimmerman reported on agriculture. He said it was the 1962 centennial of the USDA, and Abraham Lincoln started the Land Grant Colleges 100 years ago.

Mrs. George Benson, Home Ec. chairman, reported on the results of the sewing and baking contest. Jane Baker was the juvenile B class entry with a dress. The apron contest was Mrs. Blaine Miller 1st, Julie Parker 2nd, and Agnes Woodcock 3rd. The wheat perm bread in the baking went to Mrs. Earl Gentry also the cookies. The judges were Mrs. Don Miller, Mrs. Martin Zimmerman and Mrs. Janet Walker.

Rolland Johnson will be a delegate for the Insurance for the State Grange convention which will be held in Grants Pass starting June 18.

The Pomona Grange voted to give a 4-H scholarship to summer school which is June 11-16.

It was announced that the annual Sherman county picnic will be the third Sunday in June. Also the Sherman Historical picnic will be Sunday, June 10 at DeMoss Springs if the weather is good, otherwise in the Moro Legion hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan spent Mother's day taking a drive to Pendleton and eating dinner out. It was a nice drive that day.

Mrs. Bert Swigart expects to have her mother visit her this week, from Montana.

Rufus is located beside the Columbia river on highway 30 and was founded in 1890. It had less than a hundred population until the John Day dam located just a mile east of town was started. In the 1960 Census there were 300 population, but it has doubled since then. The extra population brought about the building of two new classrooms to the Rufus school to take care of the children of the workers. The John Day dam which is to be completed in 1967 has all the Washington side of the river cofferdam work done, also the spillway. The army engineers of Walla Walla, Wash., office expect to start work on the Oregon side this summer.

Besides the dam, the Biggs Rapids bridge which is five miles west of Rufus is rapidly drawing to a close and the dedication is reportedly set for Sept. 1. The bridge over the John Day river was started last winter and will be a high one. The John Day river is five miles east of Rufus.

Therefore, the Rufus Grange smorgasbord offers its patrons scenery as well as food.



ELECT
GAYLORD MADISON
as
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
of
Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman
Wheeler and Umatilla Counties

FOR a real understanding of the problems of the working man and woman, the businessman, the farmer and the livestock raiser of this district.

FOR progress in education, industrial and agricultural development... on a sound financial basis. FOR constant opposition to the present and future raids by the big-population centers on the political rights, the highway fund allocations, the water resources and the tax monies of our five counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Fields of Legion Auxiliary at Girls' State which is June 11-17. The group discussed the Red Cross swim lessons for this year. But the transportation hasn't been worked out. All are reminded to get out and vote at the primary election on May 18 in the Rufus Grange hall.

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LEGAL NOTICE
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Lynn O. Hampton
Temporary Secretary
SIDNEY I. LEZAK, Acting United States Attorney, 506 U. S. Courthouse, P. O. Box 71, Portland, Oregon

JOSEPH E. BULEY, Assistant United States Attorney
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Plaintiff, )
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JOHN M. DEMOSS, et al., )
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Frank von Borstel for County Commissioner
If elected I will have time to serve and will give the job all the time required—
Successful Farmer — Veteran
Paid Political Adv.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER
It would appear at times that people are crazier than monkeys. At least that would seem to be the feeling of Sen. Harry Byrd in reviewing the government's new spending plans.
The Senator noted that Congress is now being asked to appropriate \$1.2 billion dollars so studies can be carried on "the affectational relationship of an infant monkey and his mother."
While in C. W. Harder other times and other climes perhaps the Senator would take a lively interest in monkey mother love, at the present he is concerned with the constant monkeying with the federal budget.
He says in eight months the federal debt limit has been raised \$7 billion up to the \$300 billion mark, and anticipates by June 30th, another \$8 billion boost would be requested.
"Unnecessary spending" he states, "is increasing. Non-military expenditures through the first seven months of the current fiscal year ran 10% higher than the previous year. While military expenditures during this period increased \$1.3 billion, non-military expenditures increased \$2.4 billion."
In the past 30 years, he states, the government has operated at a deficit in 24 of these years, with a deficit to be turned in at the end of this current fiscal year on June 30th, and from all indications, another deficit in the making for the coming year.
The rapidly worsening position of the federal financial picture is perhaps best given in the chronological report made by Senator Byrd.
He says that a year ago a \$1.5 billion surplus was estimated. On March 27th, this estimate was revised to anticipate a deficit of \$2.1 billion, by May 25 the estimated deficit had grown to \$3.6 billion, by June 27 to \$3.7 billion, by July 25 to \$5.3 billion, by October 29 to \$6.9 billion, by January 18 to \$7 billion, while the last treasury report shows a further slide to a deficit of \$9.4 billion.
"Have been the policemen and the Santa Claus for the free world for more than 15 years," The Senator says. "Recent figures show U.S. foreign aid has totaled more than \$100 billion and it is continuing."
He also points out that this \$200 billion debt, far larger than the debt existed at the end of the expensive World War II, does not tell the entire story as the government had untold billions in commitments both home and abroad.
He calls for an immediate end of all non-essential spending.
"it is possible," he says, for us to destroy ourselves from within. Nothing could serve Khrushchev better. Survival of free nations, including our own, depends on the financial soundness of this government." Thus, in Sen. Byrd's viewpoint, million dollar studies of monkey family relationships can wait.

Taylor LODGE A. F. & A. M. Wasco, Meets the first Tuesday of each month. Visiting brethren welcome. Frank D. Reid, W. M. Vernon Root, Secretary
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