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EDITORIALS

A GOING ENDEAVOR

February 1 will be a big day for many an elderly American. For on that day the United States Treasury will make its first old age retirement payments, under the terms of the social security act. To be eligible for the benefits you must be 65 (by January 1), must have worked in six different calendar quarters since the end of 1936, and must have earned \$50 or more during each of them. Persons of 65 who can't qualify may work on until they have gained sufficient wage credits. And pensioners may continue to work after qualifying providing they don't earn over \$15 a month. Maximum benefit at this time is \$32.40—for a worker with a wife over 65 and one or more dependent children.

So government "social security" is now a going endeavor. But that doesn't mean the problem has been settled. The present system, in the view of most economists, is unworkable and may prove unworkable. Inasmuch as the sums paid in by the workers of the country must be invested in government bonds, and the money goes into the Treasury where it can be spent for any purpose Congress desires, there is no absolute guarantee that the future benefits will be paid as contracted. Under any circumstances, unless the law is changed, the program will increase the Federal debt by tens of billions. Many officials of both parties are convinced that the system must be revised.

On top of that, the present law makes no provision for the millions of farm and domestic workers, or for people who own their own little businesses and make smaller incomes than many salaried workers. Persons in these categories are exerting pressure on Congress to extend the program to cover them.

LABOR'S WORST ENEMY

Labor's worst enemy today is Federal spending and its allied evils, debt and taxation. Uncontrolled spending accompanied by annual deficits of two to four billion dollars are a threat to the security and the existence of every job.

Last year 163 typical American companies, employing 2,854,000 workers, paid total taxes of \$1,643,000,000—the equivalent of \$576 per employee. This staggering amount could not have been paid unless the companies had trimmed operating costs to the bone. That meant fewer jobs and less wages.

Moreover, that part of government spending not covered by present taxation must be made up in the future. And there is no one to make it up but America's working middle class. That fat has been sweated out of the rich. If total income of all those receiving more than \$100,000 last year were confiscated by taxation, it would pay cost of Federal government for less than 15 days, according to American Taxpayer Association.

The one solution to this problem lies in removing politics from our tax system. It sounds impossible, but until it is done there can be no relief from reckless political spending and the growing spectre of national bankruptcy.

American labor has a vital stake in the issue, and the power to do something about it. Heretofore labor has not been slow to seize opportunities for betterment. By demanding the removal of politics from taxation, it would benefit not only itself but the nation.

It is much more difficult to succeed in business today than in pre-depression years and the rewards for success are far less, due largely to taxes. This explains why "venture" capital is lacking, hence fewer jobs. Opportunity for employment depends on taxation and legislative policies which enable business to look to the future with confidence.

PIANOS AND HORSES

Many of us are like a careless farmer who takes great pride in his horses and thinks he uses every precaution to keep them strong and healthy. Yet he beds them down every night in a deadly firetrap—a barn filled with unnecessary fire hazards.

Are you like that farmer? Is your home or your business an inexcusable firetrap, endangering lives and possessions? Dusting the piano when the attic is a refuse-cluttered powder keg is a poor way to preserve the piano. Putting valuable papers under lock and key may not insure their safety nearly as effectively as cleaning out the store room back of your shop. Pianos and "valuable" papers can be replaced, but you have only one life, and so have the other members of your family.

Fire losses in the United States during the first ten months of 1939 totaled \$258,291,480. Between twenty and thirty million dollars worth of property went up in flames each month—upwards of a million dollars a day. Fire is an insidious destroyer. Its ravaging attacks are scattered far and wide. Its toll in lives and dollars escapes the comprehension of most of us. We hear the fire engines occasionally and may see a little smoke "uptown" somewhere. But beyond that, fire seems to us a remote evil, until it strikes—then it spells quick and terrifying destruction.

Don't wait until too late. Clean out that attic—before you dust the piano. Remember the farmer and his horse!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Monday, January 8, 1940

10 girls are here.
12 boys are here.
22 children are here.
We have a new boy.
His name is Hugh Jones.
A new girl came too.
Her name is Virgie Kinney.
We made an experiment.
Henry put some water in a dish.
Now the water is all gone. The water went into the air.
This is a very wet day.
Water on the walks.
Water on the ground.
Water, water all around.
Look out for the pig puddles.
Glenn has a new rain coat.
Susan is six now.
Lollie found her pigeon.
It likes to fly away.
But it comes home to eat.
We are glad she found it.
So the cat did not get it.

Junior Class Play Slated for Feb. 1

The long-looked for and anxiously awaited junior class play, "Early To Bed—Early To Rise" will be presented February 1, 1940 in the high school auditorium.

"Early To Bed—Early To Rise", a three-act comedy, has a modern American setting and the cast consists of eleven characters.
Patsy, a rather solemn faced young woman, normally respectful of her elders, but frequently totally oblivious of them, is played by Jeannette Metternick.

Bobby Fuller, a typical American lad of eighteen, nice looking, but inclined to be lazy and indifferent, except on the subject of cars, is played by Darrell Rolls.

Planky, a breezy, alert little modern of seventeen with a shrewd frankness which is not altogether unattractive, is portrayed by Rae Davis.

Bob Burns, as Jim Griggs, is a very personable young man, in love with Marion.

Marion, a girl of twenty-two who works in an office and is in love with Jim, secretly until the end, is taken by Iris Hill.

Everett, a mild friendly little man in his fifties, is a great inventor and the father of Marion and Bobby. This part is taken by Bob Vincent. Abbey, a brisk-well-meaning spinster, past middle age, is busy filling a mother's place. She is tolerant but her sense of humor is on the sharp side. This part is played by Marjorie Pierce.

Daisy, a young lady of the press, would probably be pretty if she cared enough to bother, but doesn't, is played by Bernice White.

Otto is a friendly little old German, about sixty five. He owns a pet store and is Patsy's best friend. This is taken by Dale Seymour.

Mr. Conkle is a spare man somewhat past middle age who lives in an atmosphere of frustration. He frequently longs for a heart of steel but just when he thinks he has evolved one it melts on him. This part is taken by Dick Wyatt.

Laura, a very beautiful southern girl whom men decide instantly needs someone to cling to. She is in love with Jim. Virginia Ricks plays this part.

Mrs. Rosa is director of the play and is in charge of the "make-ups".

Those serving on committees are: Stage and Properties, Dale Seymour, Ralph Blasing, Ben McManama; Small Properties, Elma Croucher and Georgia Lindley; Advertising, Shirley Kincaid, Jessie Corson and Verna May Strayer. Chet Grimes is in charge of the ticket.—Central Pointer.

Legal Notices

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
LOGAN C. STEWART and DOROTHY M. STEWART, husband and wife,
Plaintiffs,

vs.
HOUSTON LANGE and EMIL C. LANGE, husband and wife, and OTTO J. FROHNMEYER, Defendants.
TO EACH, EVERY AND ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their complaint, succinctly stated as follows, to-wit: That Defendants be adjudged to be in default under the terms of that certain contract entered into on the 24th day of February, 1937, between Plaintiffs herein as vendors and Defendant, Houston Lange, as vendee, relative to the following described real property lying and being situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the north line of Block Number Two (2) of Barr's Addition to the City of Medford, 103 feet west of the Northeast corner of said Block Two (2), and running thence west 194 feet; thence south 60 feet; thence east 104 feet; thence north 60 feet to the place of beginning; That the Defendants, within such time as the Court shall fix as reasonable, not exceeding thirty (30) days, pay Plaintiffs herein, being the sum of \$736.18, plus interest at 5% per annum from February 24, 1937, and unless Defendants pay any and all amounts obligated to be paid under said executory contract, not in arrears, together with all delinquent taxes, in the amount of \$168.40, and unless Defendants within such period make full payment now due Jackson County Building & Loan Association on mortgage, recorded in Volume 104, Pages 411-413 Mortgage Records of Jackson County, Oregon, owned by said Association, that the said contract be cancelled and held for naught and that the Plaintiff be decreed to have the possession and ownership of aforesaid property, free and clear of any and all claims on the part of the Defendants, and any of them, that the Plaintiffs during the pendency of this suit may retain possession of the above described real property.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable H. D. Norton, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 28th day of December, 1939. The time prescribed for publication of this summons is once each week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 28th day of December, 1939.

O. H. BENGTSON
Attorney for Plaintiffs
126 East Main Street
Medford, Oregon
94—Dec. 28, Jan. 4, 11, 18.

NOTICE OF FILING FINAL ACCOUNT

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON
In the Matter of the Estate of Nellie D. Roberts, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed her final account and report in the above entitled estate and that by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County a hearing upon the same has been set for Saturday, January 20, 1940, in the county Court House in the Jackson County Court House in Medford, Oregon, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A. M.

All persons having objections thereto are hereby notified to present the same on or before such time.

Date of first publication of this notice is December 21, 1939.

Alice L. Morgan
Administratrix of the Estate of Nellie D. Roberts, deceased.
28—Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Zera Dahack, deceased. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, to the undersigned, Executor, at the office of T. J. Enright, his Attorney, at 501 East Main St. in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this Notice.

Dated and first published December 21st, 1939.

IRVIN DAHACK

Executor of the Estate of Zera Dahack Deceased
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