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Reverend Orville Poulin, of Beaverton Highway Chapel, noted the growth of his church required more space.



Robert M. Sayre, graduate of Beaverton high, entered a training period with the U. S. Dept. of State, just as he prepared to start at Harvard for graduate work.



Aloha's famed poet, Verae Bright, received an honorary degree from Pacific University, on October 18.



Donna Mae Puckett and Linda Mae Camerday celebrate identical birthdays on June 20.



Mrs. Donald L. Jenkins, as chairman, led the March of Dimes campaign that helps polio victims walk in the sun again.



Bruce McMahon, of Beaverton, was elected as state vice president of the Oregon Junior chamber of commerce, May 13.



A cheerful new yearful

We're off to 1950—with a world full of hope for surpassing the progress of the first half century while avoiding its mistakes.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

A Tonic For The Missus

The missus came marching in with a new hat yesterday. She was as happy as a circus poster.

I've learned one thing about the hats she buys. A hat is a tonic to her. If she's feeling blue, nothing gives her a lift like a new hat. Now, I could trade in my old grey fedora without raising my blood pressure a notch. But I'll admit that more than once I've bought a new beryl pipe I didn't need—just because life was getting a little bit monotonous.

With Buck Howell it's something else again. When Buck is feeling

low, he gets over it by blowing on a broken-down clarinet he hasn't mastered in twenty years.

From where I sit, different people are *always* going to respond to different things in different ways. So let's keep a friendly understanding of what other folks get out of a new hat, an old clarinet, a chocolate soda or a temperate glass of sparkling beer or ale now and then.

Joe Marsh

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CITIZENSHIP PARTICIPATION

On the threshold of a new year and facing the tremendous events of which many will have a part in living out, no more timely opportunity awaits for all of us to dedicate sincere effort toward better citizenship.

Citizenship is a quality that defies iron-clad definition. It is above party and social status. Certainly this is a personal thing that indicates our ability to meet the responsibilities in the give or take of national life.

The year 1950 faces problems which will demand fullest attention from every citizen within the nation. Already the pattern of serious inflation has been set with the announced increase in the price of steel starting an avalanche of higher prices on durable goods from cars to electric appliances—and more will yet come, no doubt.

Inflation is the curse of a society which finds its dollars devaluated in terms of how much food it will buy for the family table or how many items of clothing it will allow. This trend truly jeopardizes the welfare of the nation and without doubt will come to the attention of legislators in Washington, D. C.

Whether or not there will be a wave of tax increases to "go along" with U. S. Steel must await developments. But surely before the year is out this question will be resolved, one way or another. It is futile to shrug aside such thoughts. No one can take refuge in the fact that taxes already so high to be almost punitive in many ways. Only the greatest of vigilance and participation by taxpayers will impress Congress that unchecked taxation might boomerang politically.

No matter how you look at the problem, of course, it is inescapable that government services cannot be maintained without the levying of taxes. Adequate appropriations must not be denied if we are to enjoy the benefits of government as required in this complex age. Yet, according to findings of the Hoover Commission, greatly significant savings are possible by less slipshod methods of administration, even without crippling essential services.

These assertions, of course, are flying boldly in the face of political tradition, somewhat unsettling a few pork barrels. Once a bureau is sprung to life, it might take a superhuman effort to kill it off.

Despite the astronomical direction of the national debt and even though President Truman requested the Hoover Commission to recommend an overhauling of the branches of government, indications are not too reassuring that any distinct effort will be made to streamline governmental agencies instead of howling for more and more taxes.

The threats of war still overshadow all other thought, in this half-world of peace, cold war, propaganda offensives and atomic or jet propulsion devices. The prospect of a third devastating World War is enough to freeze the blood at the thought of wasted youth and wealth and effort that it would demand.

Bold, forthright leadership is needed to counteract the trend that this admittedly horrible war is inevitable, even though it will surely prove nothing and lead us bankrupt of values and freedoms, into a desert of ruins.

Yes, there are many needs for the courage of active citizenship. No one with a true sense of responsibility can afford to shirk his duty as an intelligent, thoughtful component of the national scene. And there are many fields for responsible action.

Primarily, there is the matter of elections. The American people, prattling proudly of vaunted freedoms and liberties, are frequently remiss when it comes to voting. To the degree that they criticize and defame "politicians in office," it seems they magnificently neglect to take the first step in remedying the situation about which they speak so heatedly.

It matters not for what purpose an election is called. An opinion and a decision by the electorate has been provided. And a true citizen, willing to shoulder his allotted load, should acquaint himself with the issue and vote according to his convictions. The representative government shall not dwindle from the land.

In every stream of community, state and national life, there is a job for good citizenship. And our nation, our state and our community will remain strong and meet all challenges of the future in the degree that citizen participation is made.

BOTH SIDES HAVE RIGHTS

The restlessness of landlords, who have long chafed under government rent controls, is taking the form of protests against continuation of such restraints. It will be interesting—and perhaps uncomfortable to some—what develops.

Portland is in the midst of a consideration of this problem. Reports indicate, however, that the city fathers have adopted a cautious attitude in the matter, not jumping to a decision too quickly.

Beaverton, on January 9, is scheduled to

have a public hearing on the petition of a number of landlords for the abandonment of controls. High building and maintenance costs are cited, along with added expense due to installation of a city sewer system, the cost of fuel, oil, the rise in taxes, the dwindled rate of return on investment and perhaps other items.

From the nature of the petition, as presented to the city council in December, it seems that Beaverton landlords have come together into the nucleus of an organization to lift restraints on rental charges. Whether or not there are some more entitled to consideration than others might be the case. But it seems to be a matter of "sink or swim" depending upon the action of the city council following the hearing.

It is undeniable that sewer installation has made a noticeable hardship for some landlords, particularly where they furnish water and so pay sewer as well as water user charges. Perhaps the percentage of landlords paying such charges is larger than is generally known. To most tenants, however, the water bill comes direct with unerring regularity.

On the matter of city taxation to pay for installation of laterals and subsequent stub connections, tenants might not rejoice in the opportunity to pay through higher rents for an improvement which will increase the valuation of the property.

Houses and apartments are not exceedingly plentiful in the Beaverton area, as yet. Except in isolated instances, rents are in the range of from \$45 to \$75 per month, water, gas and utilities excluded. What will be the result of a ceiling-free rent situation?

Will there be some landlords to raise rents and force tenants to pay an unreasonable sum because there is no other place for them to move? Will the landlords basically entitled to rental increases carry with them others less humanely minded and so work an intolerable hardship against tenants as a justification for the period during which rentals were frozen?

These are thoughts to consider.

Any fair-minded person, landlord or not, can but agree that when a person owns a house he is renting out he deserves a fair recompense. He deserves a fair return from his investment. Does he deserve more, in the face of inflationary tendencies, mounting unemployment and the forecast of a shrinking national economy for the year ahead?

People are tired of controls—particularly those who are held under control. But rather than too hasty a casting aside of these restraints, it might be better to proceed with caution.

Rent control, by federal law, is now a matter of local option. Why then, couldn't the mayor of a city legally appoint a rental-review board of three or five citizens to act upon requests for higher rental charges? Let a landlord, a tenant and a home-owner serve, in an official capacity, to pass on the justification of rent boosts. Perhaps this would avert the chaos of rentals run wild.

In the last analysis it must be remembered that both sides of the rental situation have their rights.

VACCINATE WHEN SURE

The threat to the county poultry industry in persistent outbreaks of Newcastle disease will justify serious and considerable attention during the coming year.

The best and safest weapon with which to attack this disease is information. The worst way to go about the situation is to guess and wait or to otherwise neglect the flock.

It is important to know definitely, by competent diagnosis, that the disease is actually Newcastle, for birds vaccinated with live virus against this ailment when they are suffering from a different malady will become severely ill and probably die.

Laboratory tests will determine whether or not an outbreak of respiratory trouble is Newcastle. Other such like conditions might include bronchitis, laryngotracheitis or some other.

Poultrymen are becoming rapidly more jittery over Newcastle disease because it is spreading clear through the nation and has grave economic implications.

But the best advice is to call in a competent veterinarian. And only vaccinate when sure.

LET'S NOT BE A STATISTIC

The shocking figures released by the National Safety Council on accident fatalities over the 3-day Christmas holiday reaching the staggering total of a death every nine minutes should cause each of us to be watchful of our actions over the New Year's week end which lies ahead.

Traditionally New Year's is a time of celebration marking the conclusion of one year's experience and the start of a new era in human relations, and as such traditions should be maintained, but in a safe and sane manner.

One thought worth remembering might be: Your own actions are only half of the considerations—the other fellow bears watching too.



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