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## ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Education, recognized as the science it is, largely aims at developing the natural intelligence of its people to provide the leadership of the future. This begins at an age of six, in public schools, and actually never stops.

To the public at large, therefore, six year olds are recognized as at the beginning point. Everything builds up to this point. A youngster, approaching his sixth year, catches the excitement of beginning his schooling. And all his playmates share in the importance of such a step.

Consider, then, the frustration visited upon a youngster whose sixth birthday falls on or after November 16. He is restricted from entering school and must wait a full year, when he is nearly seven, before beginning.

Oregon state law reckons the age of a youngster as six whose birthday falls on or before November 15. And so reckoned, a youngster is entitled to enter grade school. The local school board, by law, may relax this rule or make a regulation of its own as to the entering of grade school.

Such a division, to be sure, would not be quite so harsh, if it were possible for a youngster to begin in January. But with each grade running a complete year, some "six year olds" are nearly seven before their education begins.

This full year in each grade is not helpful for a youngster who failing to pass the necessary standard, must take a full year's repetition and so is subject to disinterest and frustration all out of proportion to the benefits he should gain by doing the grade over.

How it works out, in many cases, is that there are fewer "flunks" but, by the same turn of events, the child who needs the extra fundamentals thus advances beyond his comparative development.

The latter problem could be worked out to much greater satisfaction by dividing the year into two semesters. Surely there is unfairness in forcing a youngster to set back an entire year because of his educational maladjustment. And there is even more unfairness in passing such a youngster to a higher grade when he is basically unprepared for the pending work.

For beginners, a system of I-Q tests should be required, not only for those who are 5½ or 5¾ years, but for full six-year olds as well. There are tests now given in the first grade, after the school enrollment, geared to the age level. This could well be liberalized to determine the fitness of any youngster to begin 1st grade schooling.

For a more equitable educational beginning, surely there is room for improvement.

Wally Kain

## "GOOD LUCK BILL MOORE!"

We take leave, this week, of a fellow worker whose devotion and loyalty to the task of compiling weekly editions has been a constant factor of the past year and one-half.

Answering the national call to duty, Bill Moore, advertising representative, enters the U. S. Navy. With him go the sincere good wishes of those with whom he has associated, within the newspaper organization and the business community as well.

Enlistment of some one who has been close to you, in having shared a community task for a good length of time, brings right to your desk-side the physical attributes of national defense. Bill's going, to be sure, leaves an emptiness. But all of us recognize the urgency and we feel that Bill sallies forth to naval service as a personal representative of all of us who, this time, remain at home.

At the time of leave-taking, we cannot find words to completely indicate our meaning. We can only say, knowing the words are inadequate, "Good Luck, Bill Moore!"

Wally Kain

## NOW YOU WAVE YOUR HAT!

On various radio programs of an audience participation nature, an attendant at a given cue holds aloft a card saying "APPLAUSE". We wish to discuss a situation and in so doing would like to borrow, in spirit, a device of radio broadcasting.

Nothing seems any closer to the basic understanding of Americans than that taxes are always with them, wherever they turn, whatever they do. And under the policy urged by President Truman, of a pay-as-you-go rule in national defense, most of all of us expect to share even heavier burdens of tax. The thing that seems so confusing and actually in conflict with the spirit of such a policy however is the rising clamor for a national sales tax.

A sales tax, whether on a local, state or national level, strikes directly and without question at those of a lower income. It is not particularly economical to administer (contrary to general belief). But once started, it will become increasingly difficult to conclude.

Surely, it will produce new revenue. It also reduces, by so much, the effective returns from lesser incomes.

Wally Kain

In the first alarms, of course, we tend to be pessimistic, perhaps unduly so. Hardly anyone will question that a pay-as-you-go taxation will contribute significantly to curtailing a topheavy national debt. And a sales tax at least brings immediate returns. The specific bill authorizing such a tax is, of course, not yet passed. Maybe we should have rugged faith that Congress will not deal too harshly with those not too generously endowed.

Surely, the national law-makers showed mercy and concern for business, in drafting an "excess profits" tax. Compared to the 40% income tax and 50% excess profits tax of World War II, the new tax takes 47% regular income tax but only 30% excess profits tax. And other provisions are, actually, even less drastic than the previous excess profits tax.

So, we should not be too fearful that Congress will put an unbearable burden upon any of us. True, there is yet no tangible protection against runaway food prices, which are translating the meaning of inflation into terms of meat and eggs on the dinner table. But let us be firm in our faith that we all will be expected only to pay our equitable share of costs for national defense; that no one will be allowed to wax fat and prosperous at our national emergencies.

Yes, dear readers. Now you may stand up. And now you wave your hat!

Wally Kain

## DOCTOR'S PUBLIC SERVICE

The controversy over socialized medicine, now somewhat dormant because of more important war measures, is yet a tangible situation. While less emphasis seems to be laid on a compulsory health insurance plan, as it is called, the threat of its enactment still hovers over the head of the American Medical Association.

This is an argument which concerns the public at large. Nationwide, statewide, countywide and locally, health is a primary consideration. All the arguments in favor of socialized medicine start from the point that national welfare is severely jeopardized by an unchecked environment of ill health. And with this, there can be little argument.

Doctors of the land have vigorously declared their opposition to the idea of health for all through a compulsory government insurance plan. In fact, by their fervent representations, the idea is current in some circles that the main opposition of the medical profession is economic; that they rise to their heights, in the garb of Americanism and Private Enterprise, only because of a pre-occupation that perhaps a national health program will adversely affect the incomes of some.

Of course, such a tenet is unthinkable. But having taken steps to establish a position of opposition, the medical profession might well take further steps to prove to the public their concern with community service.

There is a golden opportunity for doctors, even in this county, to counteract any misconceptions which might have arisen about them. This is in the field of community service, such as in cooperation with schools, organizations and in other fields, when and where the need arises.

Community service, to be sure, does not always have an immediate return. But its long-range effect might well be terrific, not only in its reflections to the profession but to the individual, as well.

Do not think, for an instance, that there is restriction in such opportunities for public service. Nor, likewise, that no doctor of the area has given of his time and energies so selflessly. But it might well be recognized that locally and county-wide the full job of community service could be improved.

In any community, there is no one profession more respected nor more widely affecting the public than the medical. And a doctor's public service will go far to enhance his professional respect.

Wally Kain

## IN THE DAYS AHEAD

Many questions have arisen since announcement appeared relative to the consolidation of interests which sees the Pioneer Publishing company with a new set of owners. This concern, so spontaneously expressed, is a high compliment to the place that the newspaper has won in the respect of its readers. And for those into whose hands fall the reins of continuance, it is a value which might well be carefully nurtured.

One thing about a newspaper we might well note at this "great divide" between the old and the new, is that as a community publication it is far more valuable and significant than the mere people who are responsible for its makeup, week after week. The responsibility still remains, whoever the staff members who do the work, of service to the area of readership.

May the standards that have been held aloft up to now be even better maintained in the days ahead?

## ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS SCHEDULED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

### SEWER TEMPER TANTRUM

In North Bend, a veritable temper tantrum has followed the settling of sewer assessments.

Says the NEWS, the city council though the matter was settled a couple weeks ago. But property owners had an entirely different concept of the situation.

The taxpayers brought in a Portland attorney and the brickbats were practically flying before the evening was over. Old arguments were considerably re-hashed and at one juncture, a property owner threatened an "open season" on councilmen.

And the city attorney, after the funk of battle had cleared, offered the opinion that as far as he knew there was no other course for the city than to go right through with the disputed assessment.

### FIRE DEPT. IMPROVEMENT

Willamina's smoke eaters make their appointed rounds with improved equipment, following a noted purchase.

The TIMES explains the hook and ladders boast a new aluminum three-section extension ladder and one of the boys is building a rack for the truck to carry it.

A new location and description board, electrically operated, just installed, shows the kind of fire and where it is being fought. Also added is an electric hose drier which helps make the local department one of the best equipped and manned for its size in the entire Yamhill valley.

### STREET BOND ELECTION

Faced with street headaches, the city of Lakeview has called for a bond issue with which to continue a paving program at about the half-way mark, by now.

The EXAMINER tells of the election originally called last October but delayed because of the

approaching county courthouse tax election.

Present street paving project will be completed as early next year as the weather will permit. Bad weather put a stop to it and most of a three-mile section was treated with a coat of binder oil to hold it through the winter.

The town may sell bonds up to the amount of \$160,000. This will not pave all the streets in Lakeview but it is expected to pave, curb and gutter nearly three miles more.

### \$100,000 WORTH OF —

Forest Grove is looking forward to \$100,000 worth of sub zero, already under construction.

The NEWS TIMES announces Hudson House plans to add to its plant in this amount.

The structure will measure 80 by 200 feet and almost double the capacity of cold room storage for frozen fruits and vegetables. Completion of the project is set to coincide with the strawberry harvest.

### SPLINT RIGGING SPREE

Tape-twisting and sling-rigging rates as popular pastimes in the area around Gresham.

From the OUTLOOK, it seems that hundreds of residents are taking part in first aid classes conducted by two county sheriff reserve units.

Atomic injury is one of the feature items in the instruction. Two hours each week for a period of 9 weeks is devoted to treatment of burns and other injuries resulting from atomic explosions.

The program of first aid instruction, to be sure, is just getting underway. The attempt will be made to confine classes to about 25 to 35 persons but this number has already been exceeded in some districts.

### RHUBARB ON THE "PROM"

Seaside is in the midst of a veritable rhubarb in regard to needed repairs (again) of the Prom.

The SIGNAL indicates the weighty problem.

While the city council debates who will pungle up from \$5,000 to \$7,000 for repairs, the Prom is gradually deteriorating and the longer the job is delayed, the more it will cost.

Residents on the Prom, who do not like to put out dough more than anyone else, maintain that the Prom is not a sidewalk in the ordinary sense but rather a city improvement originally built by the city and its maintenance is such a responsibility.

The city fathers, caught in the middle with the fringe on top, say other property owners have held that since they must maintain sidewalks in front of their property, they certainly have no intention of maintaining sidewalks for property owners along the Prom.

A new theory proposes to assess Prom property for that part of the cost which can be determined as a normal sidewalk improvement, with the city meeting the balance. This would be about a 50-50 division.

Meanwhile, the ocean keeps rolling in.

**BUILDS OWN HIGH SCHOOL**  
The Lake Oswego high school building is getting underway and the local parents had a little laugh at an association meeting concerning Dr. Julio L. Bortalazzo, whom the city hired as superintendent of a high school which didn't exist.

The REVIEW reviews the situation neatly, reprinting a poem which was used to introduce the doctor.

Clincher of the rhyme told "Of the teacher who raised the money to build himself a place to teach. Meanwhile, at the school site, the excavation for the west wing and gymnasium is reported as finished and with weather holding out, pouring of cement is presently expected."

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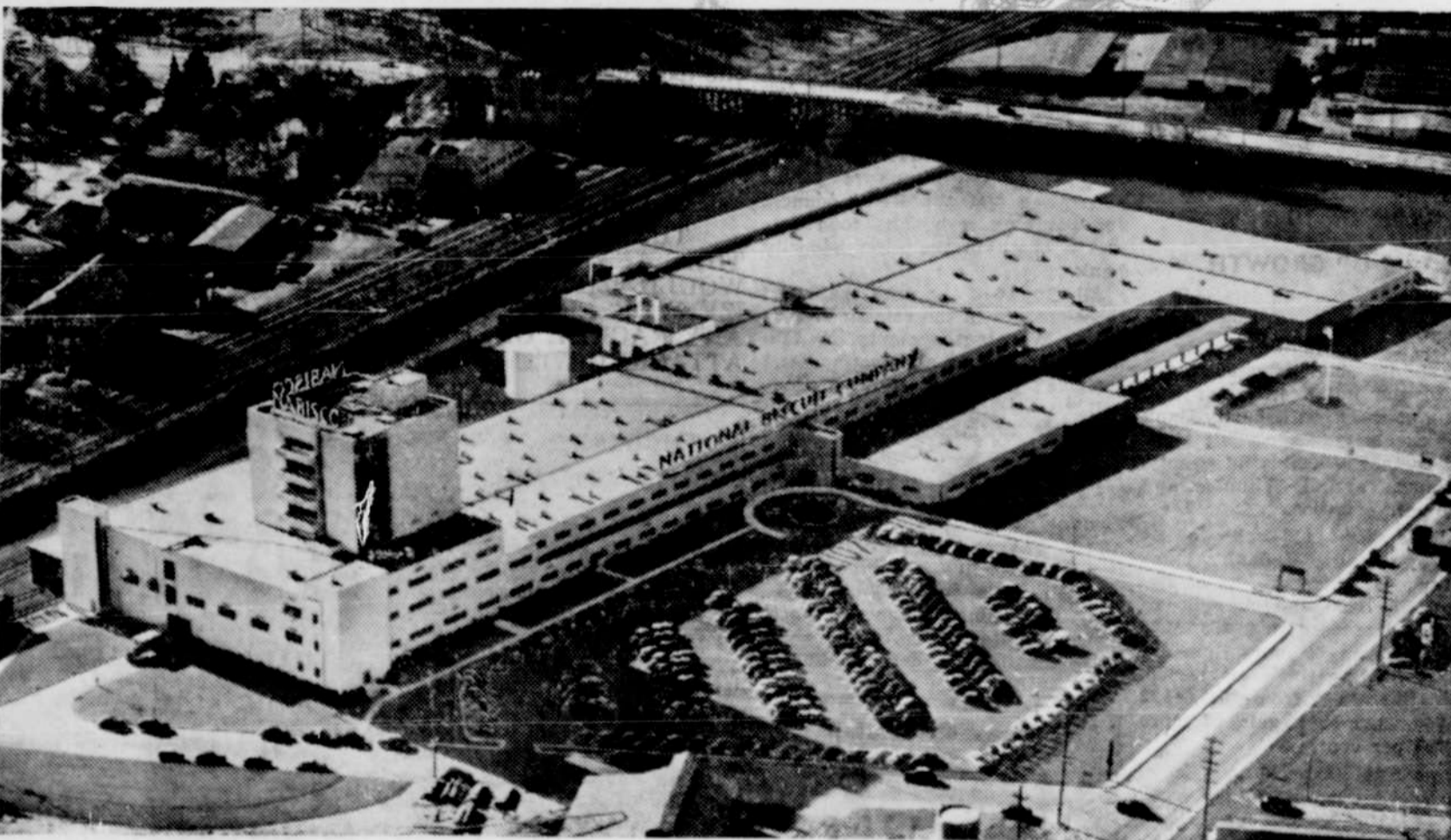
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