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Show Us, Mr. SP

Has Southern Pacific REALLY tried to make a go of it with its present passenger train service between Grants Pass and Dunsmuir which was initiated on June 25, 1950?

This is the position that the company will soon be placed in to prove when the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen file protests with the interstate commerce commission and both Oregon's public utility commissioner and California's utility commission.

Norman Green, Dunsmuir, a legislative representative of the brotherhood, contends that a more vigorous publication of the route with its scenic virtues properly expounded could attract considerable tourist travel.

And, further, the union representative also points out that a consolidation of schedules of the duplicate north-south service between Ashland and Grants Pass would result in a \$144 daily saving in wages alone to the company (the railroad contends that it losing an average of \$317 a day in wages and fuel alone and \$300,000 a year from all causes).

Added to the action by the railroad brotherhood is the move by Medford's city council to ask its airport committee to take preliminary steps to promote a co-operative action by all cities along the line from Roseburg to Dunsmuir to encourage improved service. The matter will be aired at the next meeting of the League of Oregon cities.

In support of the railroad's position, SP has declared that it has made "special efforts . . . to provide good comfortable equipment, a snack-lounge car . . . and a refurbished coach using new Daylight foam-rubber type seats." It further adds that it had hoped that "convenient daytime schedules together with the fact that this service could be used conveniently at very low fares would result in such patronage that the trains would at least pay their out-of-pocket costs."

But, what good are the latter additions if business judgment such as avoiding duplication of schedules and lack of sales promotion as is shown by the brotherhood contention are neglected?

The whole deal begins to smell of something that was put up a year ago to provide a reasonably surface-sound basis for discontinuance of service after a trial period. Enforcing this contention is the unconfirmed report that the SP has discouraged railroad service between the two points.

Whether or not such an attempt has been made by the company can be dug out by either, one or all of the utility bodies concerned.

In the meantime, all the cities concerned that border on the tracks should voice their opinions officially and raise the cry that will help keep this last link of a once complete train service through scenic southern Oregon and northern California still in operation.

The banners raised for the crusade should ask: "Show us that you have done everything possible to keep passenger service alive through the Rogue river valley and adjacent areas, Mr. SP. We have reason to be more than just a little bit dubious." —H.N.

Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

REAPPRAISEMENT CREWS WORKING

"The statewide reappraisal of real property now being made is not designed to increase taxes but to equalize taxes," State Tax Commissioner Robert MacLean emphasized Monday.

A 15-man crew now in the field will be enlarged this week, said the commissioner. The appraisal operations will be carried on in counties of four in a block with much of the summer work concentrated in eastern and central Oregon where snow would interfere with work during the winter months.

"Under existing conditions," said MacLean, "there is a definite lack of uniformity between appraisals both within counties and between counties."

It is estimated it will require a total of \$6,000,000 to complete the project within 10 years. The legislature appropriated \$260,000 to finance the first 18 months of the work.

GREYHOUND RECEIPTS INCREASE

For the first time in the history of greyhound racing in Oregon the Multnomah Kennel Club will next year turn over to the state more than half a million dollars for aid to county fairs and other similar activities.

Receipts from races, conducted last year by the Multnomah Kennel Club under supervision of the Oregon racing commis-

sion, turned over to the state \$472,104.96. Receipts from the present 50-days greyhound racing program are averaging from 3 to 8 per cent higher each night than last year's.

SAME HOST AT PEN

George Alexander will remain at the Oregon penitentiary as superintendent.

This decision which has been apparent at meetings of the board of control for the past two months took a firmer set this week.

An outmoded penitentiary structure has handicapped Alexander since he became superintendent and warden 13 years ago. The last legislature provided funds for a new cell block, laundry, bath house, machine shop and combined carpenter, woodworking and cabinet shop. The old machine shop will be used for tobacco processing, soap making, shoe manufacturing and tailoring.

The solons divided the position of superintendent and warden and there are 20 applications before the board for the position of warden which will not be decided before August 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES
Only 3,142 persons in Oregon drew jobless worker's pay from the state unemployment compensation funds last week. This is a new low since the end of the war in August 1945. Compensation paid to Ore-

gon's temporary unemployment dropped in June to \$310,416, to establish another record, the lowest monthly total in nearly six years.

The June benefits paid were 32 per cent lower than in May and were 56 per cent lower than those for June, 1950.

MORSE FOR PRESIDENT
Steve Anderson, Salem attorney and veep of the National Federation of Young Republicans, is preparing petitions to put the name of Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) on the primary ballot next May as a candidate for the republican nomination for president.

Only 1,000 signatures are necessary.

CAPITOL OPEN SUNDAYS
Secretary of State Earl T. Newby has announced that through the summer the statehouse will be open to visitors on Sundays as well as on weekdays. A guide will be available and the information booth will be open to those making inquiry about the state and its capital buildings and grounds.

CLEFT PALATE CHILDREN
Oregon children afflicted by cleft palates are receiving special schooling now supplied for local districts by the special education division of the state department of education.

Short summertime courses of training for such children and their parents are proving successful in several districts of the state.

Some 3,000 farmers in this country grow trees over and over again on the same land for continuing wood crops under the American Tree Farm System.

Our Town



By HARRY NORDWICK

A GOLDEN 'RUHL'

Continuing last week's note on the coming election is a "Golden Ruhl", from Robert W. Ruhl, Medford Tribune editor, who wrote last Tuesday of the Republican party, that "... such a political organization is never going to be placed in control of this country for a quarter of a century, and in all probability not for a quarter-of-an-hour."

"These gentlemen (old-line Republicans) are so behind the times, so unaware of the trend of political affairs, domestic and international, that they are doomed to be left as high and dry as the squatter sovereignty 'dodos' were close to 100 years ago."

"While they are standing firm for rugged individualism, and seeking to sweep back the broom of reaction and self-tide of youth and progress with complacency, the world, much to their surprise and chagrin, is going to pass them by!"

These are the truest and most lucid thoughts that have been uttered in these h'yar hills in many a moon.

And if you don't believe Editor Ruhl and this writer just you wait until after the coming election, and the next election and the next, ad infinitum.

Steve Anderson, Salem attorney, is proposing Sen. Wayne Morse, Republican party maverick, for president. Many people in southern Oregon throw up their hands in disgust when the Oregon senator's name is mentioned. Many Democrats think he is one of the most competent men in the senate and wish with all their political acumen that he were registered Democrat instead of Republican.

An old politician once said: "Brothers, I don't care HOW we get there, but I do know this: we can never do anybody any good until we DO get there, that's for sure." This writer seconds the old politician's words.

All you good Republicans and dissatisfied Democrats might hitch up with young Steve Anderson. It's going to take a mighty powerful person to unseat the present status quo and common sense points to only one answer, and this is in the package labelled LIBERAL. Thus spake the prophets.

BRAVO: The old politician's words and those of Editor Ruhl who seems quite a maverick himself.

BOO: The old soldiers in the party of the elephant. The sooner they fade away the better it will be for everybody concerned.

YOUR COUNTY AGENT

Last Call for Garden Planting; Pear Control: Spider Mite and Moth

BY C. B. CORDY

County Agent, Horticulturist

This weekend is getting to be about the last call for garden planting. Most plants that would be set out now would be for fall and winter use. When we speak of a fall and winter garden, we do not mean one which is planted at that time but rather one that is planted now and harvested during the fall and winter.

With some plants we can still plant seeds, but with others we should set out young plants — these are many plants in the cabbage family, such as cabbage, broccoli, kale and cauliflower. An average family can use two dozen plants of most any of these vegetables, but they all do have a similarity of flavor so that if two or three are planted it would be best to reduce the number somewhat.

Danish Ball Head or Flat Dutch are good winter cabbage varieties. Some people prefer the Golden Acre, and while it is principally an early spring cabbage, it is still fit for use now. Green sprout broccoli planted now will furnish a green vegetable during the winter months up until we have a severe frost. St. Valentine cauliflower, if planted now, will carry through the winter, and then early in the spring will head up and make an early spring vegetable.

Aphis and Worms
All of these plants are attacked by aphis and the green cabbage worm. The cabbage worm is easily controlled by dusting with DDT. The dust is preferred to spraying on cabbage type plants, as the leaves are rather greasy and most sprays will ball up and run off leaving no poison residue.

Aphis are particularly objectionable on the green sprouting broccoli. If they once become well established, they get down in the sprout heads and it is not only difficult to control them, but it is nearly impossible to wash them off. Aphis control is rather difficult, but it can be accomplished by using a spray of Black Leaf 40 in soapy water. Any of our common household detergent type soaps are satisfactory for use, and enough should be used so that the spray will wet the leaves instead of balling up and rolling off.

Aphis Control
Control measures should be started as soon as any aphis are noted and should be repeated once every week or 10 days. By doing this, the number of aphis

will be kept to a minimum, and a large population will never build up on these plants.

The pear growers are also faced with pest control problems. Spider mite are present in large numbers in many orchards, and the last cover spray for codling moth will need to be applied soon.

This last spray for codling moth is a little difficult to time accurately because of our approaching harvest season. In order to be sure that we do not have any residue on the fruit when it is picked, this spray should be completed three weeks before the harvest starts. During this three week period the DDT deteriorates, so that when the fruit is picked it no longer represents a hazard to human health. On the other hand, if it is applied much more than three weeks ahead of time, it will not control the codling moths during harvest, which is generally the time when they are attacking the fruit in great numbers.

Bartlett's, July 15

It would be best if the Bartlett's could be sprayed as close as possible to the 15th of July. On later varieties which will not be picked before the end of August, the spray could be delayed until the end of July or the first of August.

This hot weather has complicated the spider mite control, as most of our materials which give residual control last for a much shorter period during hot weather. For this reason some of our growers are switching over to the tetraethyl materials which give an immediate kill and leave no residue. These materials are relatively cheap and give a very effective temporary control, but repeat applications will be necessary. If the tetraethyl material is added to the DDT spray now, and again when the hormone spray is applied, it will probably result in control for the rest of the season at a lesser cost than the residual materials.

Oak Leaf Troubles

Turning back to the home garden, we have had several complaints of brown leaves on oak trees. Much of this is a result of the feeding of a leaf miner. This leaf miner is a small worm which feeds between the upper and lower surfaces of the leaf. If the attack is severe, large areas of many of the leaves are killed, and the trees take on a brownish appearance. The damage from this miner is now complete, and the worm has changed into a moth and flown away. Control measures at this time would be useless. Generally, natural parasites will move in and hold the pest in check in a year after a heavy infestation.

100 Will Die — Unless ...

At least 100 people will be killed in Oregon traffic during July and August. That was the prediction made today by the state traffic safety division, in Salem, which based its estimate on fatalities recorded in the same two months of 1950.

The division said that the traffic death toll now stands at 176 for the first six months of the year. Thirty-three persons were killed in traffic mishaps in June.

From past experience, the division said it could estimate that at least 50 people will be killed during each of the big summer travel months. Last year 56 died in July, and 59 in August.

Driver's Responsibility
Whether these 100 people can evade death, the division said, depends solely upon the state's automobile drivers. No amount of cautioning, warning or policing can prevent these deaths if some drivers continue to operate their cars as if they were the only ones on the highway.

The division recommended the following summer driving suggestions:

1. Don't take unnecessary chances in traffic.
2. Be patient—don't dart out to pass a long line of cars unless you are sure there is plenty of clear road space ahead.
3. Don't drive when you're tired. Stop and rest often if you're on a long trip.
4. Watch your speedometer—any speed over 50 miles an hour has a record of being deadly if you're involved in an accident.



Letter from Washington . . .

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress, 4th District

A portion of the controls law, which is called by the high-sounding name "Defense Production act," would have expired Saturday, June 30th, but was kept alive by a temporary extension resolution passed by Congress on the last day. The extension was, however, something more than a simple extension. It places definite limitations on the activities of the price controlling people and specifically cancels, at least for the 30 days, their plan of price roll-backs.

There has been quite a bit of propaganda about this control law and the failure of Congress to extend it. In fact, it seems to me that some important facts about it are being ignored, if not forgotten. Only the portions of the law authorizing price and wage controls were to expire. The remainder carries on through until 1952. When the act was under consideration by Congress last summer the President had requested production controls but did not want authority to control prices and wages.

Under the pressure of a new war in Korea and threat of total war, Congress insisted on writing the price control sections. Perhaps that was the reason for setting the expiration date this year. Strangely enough the President is now placing the greatest emphasis on price control authority. Meanwhile the Korean venture seems likely to end at least for a while, and our economy has absorbed the impact of defense production thus far and does not seem to be too much worried about the so-called major impact of defense buying which is supposed to come this fall.

Last year I pointed out that the defense production and allocation powers requested and put into law were much stronger than were required to fight World War II. But now, in addition to insisting upon price control authority which he did not want last year, the President has asked for a number of additional control powers and even stiff authority over production.

The Senate has already passed its version of the new Defense Production act. The House is considering a different bill which was reported by its committee on banking and currency. Shortly the new bills will be merged into one (by a conference committee) and the law will be extended for a year or more. Although many members will vote against the extension of price and wage control powers, the possibility (or actuality) of peace in Korea is not the reason for such votes. In other words, it is not just a case of "business as usual" after the shooting stops. No, it is much more basic than that. I have made it a point to talk with several who voted for the bill last summer but who are opposed to further extension of price con-

trols now. They do not mention Korea. They simply have been studying the problem and watching the operation of the present day version of price control. They realize that prices simply cannot be controlled by law in a free economy.

As this is written, peace talks are to begin. This is the topic of conversation here now—as it is most all over the world. The best face that can be put on the situation is that we went into action in Korea for the purpose of stopping aggression. Having stopped it, we can now withdraw, leaving the situation almost exactly as it was before the invasion began.

Perhaps the NEXT aggression will be better planned and in greater force — and will be successful! We have reaped a grim harvest because of our lack of political courage in 1945 when we failed to insist that the agreement to free and unify Korea be carried out. Instead we backed down, divided the country and so planted the seeds for what has happened.

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