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## Ink For Our Pen

A thing a lot bigger than just a contract between two parties was brought up at Tuesday's council meeting.

It's as basic as right or wrong, straight or crooked, hot or cold, Christian or heathen, and friend or enemy. It's the problem of private vs. public ownership. It's the problem of California-Oregon power vs. Bonneville power. It's the problem of local private ownership vs. government ownership.

To us there is no problem. That is, there is no problem of deciding on who we should get our power from in one year, 10 years or 100 years. We state here for the first, last and always time that the city of Ashland is nuts if it doesn't continue its lucrative relationship with COPCO. Plainly and as simply as we can state it, here's why:

First, COPCO is no monstrous, dark, evil, conning, octopus, non-resident corporation which wends its slimy ways to squeeze the hard-earned rupees from citizens in southern Oregon. It's a real, tangible, locally-run utility which paid \$380,582.04 net property taxes to Jackson county in 1951 of which \$25,000 was allocated to Ashland's school district No. 5. Further, in support of this same county in the last 10 years, this local company has put out \$2,185,134.50 in property taxes.

Locally, in capital investment, the company spent close to \$75,000 in facilities to increase its service to Ashland residents, principally in the Nevada street area, in 1951. County-wide it increased its investment in facilities over half a million last year and now has over 13 million dollars invested in this area.

Thus, COPCO's investments mean jobs for the bread-earners in this area. Future power projects that would provide power plants in southern Oregon, and not increases to plants in other areas, will be decided by COPCO's financial position. They are currently asking for a 10-year renewal of their contract with the city in order that they can show definite proof to their bond supporters that they will have a definite salary (income) to back their investments.

Second, let's not fool ourselves. Those who think we can gain by a hook-up with Bonneville power will be taking the bread right out of the basket. We want a secure water supply for Ashland. Evidence shows that Ashland is definitely underpoliced. We need a new library addition. We need constant readjustments in the salary and department conditions of ALL phases of city work. In a word, Ashland needs money. With its present setup, it gets a say and return in electrical rates as long as the electricity is supplied by a private company. If it ever connects with Bonneville power, it loses its prerogative to make money and deal with a local concern and must do as Bonneville says.

Further, nobody gets Bonneville power for nothing. You pay because Bonneville has capital investments to make and they will be made where Bonneville says and not where we would like them in our own SOUTHERN Oregon area.

Those who would turn to Bonneville power turn away from support of Rogue basin projects and the future of this area. COPCO has been instrumental in building southern Oregon. Now, it wants assurance that it can support projects for our city, our county, and southern Oregon.

You citizens are always going to pay an electrical rate. Do you want this money you pay earmarked for return to this area in the future, or do you want it somewhere else? Do you want to see this area grow in stature with its own resources and self-dependent will, or do you want somebody else to run the show? These are the basic questions.

We challenge any party in this city and on the council to show cause why Ashland shouldn't support a local, tax-paying institution that is supporting this area's school district and whole economy with its operations. Ashland is in no position to turn down a good investment. It is, however, in a position to finance needed projects with its electrical income, in its own way.

Let there never be an "Et tu Brute" ascribed to Ashland in the history of the California-Oregon power company. Right here and now we ask Ashland's people through their city council to agree to the proposed 10-year contract with COPCO. It will insure Ashland's future and the future of the Rogue basin. Those who believe in the future of this area will wholeheartedly sanction such an agreement.

Those who don't sanction this and believe that they are liberal in grabbing onto a "good deal" will find they are in effect REACTIONARIES in holding back the progress of this area as opposed to another area.

So you see there's more than just a contract at stake. —H.N.

## Our Town



By HARRY NORDWICK

### THAT SMELL AGAIN

Ummmm. Smell those fresh spring blossoms? Smell that crisp pre-summer air? So your feet are wet from the snow and your aching bones brittle from the cold.

But there's something in the air like spring. This writer admits it's not the weather, but it's closely associated with balmy summer evenings — it's the Shakespearean festival.

In the old days, people didn't think much about it during the winter months (except maybe one Gus Bowmer and a few actors with itchy feet). But, now it has spread out from summer into winter planning and a more permanent staff to handle correspondence and promotion.

The indicator of the above facts has been the presence of (Sparky) Sparks (Miss Marion) during the winter months as a part-time festival secretary and the just-decided hiring of Bill Dawkins for a second shot at being executive-secretary of the festival. The difference here is that he is being hired to begin tenure March 1, instead of the usual late May acquisition.

This follows the common sense advertising truism that preparation is 9/10ths of a successful advertising campaign. You have to have time to think up your major promotion and then carefully prepare it way ahead of scheduled releases. This is the secret of success.

Such a procedure is also like a snowball. Early promotion will affect not only gate receipts but reception of better acting talent. The actors that are the heart of the festival are college students who plan their summer stock acting well in advance. More of them will now be reached with earlier promotion and thus get more talent which will insure better shows which will insure even greater returns at the box office.

In line with the idea that everything must grow with the increased excellence of the productions, the satisfaction that Ralph Burgess, Sr., will give to the rear posterior of patrons next August with his specially-designed bench. It will be so tilted as to relieve back strain and be heavy enough to discourage patrons who move back seats down front and disrupt the scheduled seating.

This writer is sure that the scheduled Elizabethan program music will be accompanied with signs of new-found relief from next season's patrons. Enough bench space will be available to seat over 700.

Another improvement is the addition of two electrical units for Technician Bill Patton to work with. Lighting has always been difficult on the stage because of the shortage of equipment and type of theatre. More will undoubtedly be coming as the money situation loosens.

There! Don't you feel warmer already? Before you can say William Shakespeare he will be here. And so will the "Ides of March." Only this coming summer you can have your revenge when you can see somebody else (Julius Caesar) suffer on March 15 instead of yourself. What a day for we taxpayers! Every performance should be a sell-out.

BRavo: Shakespearean directors for reminding us that spring comes next, then summer and Shakespeare.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### It's Slim's For An "Honest" Meal

Most people thought Slim Benson would probably go broke when he first started his system of letting customers figure out their own checks over at his big diner on the highway.

Slim trusts them to pay for as much as they eat—you simply tell Sally, his cashier, the amount of your bill. It works, too. Take the other day when Buck Harris told Sally his bill was 35¢.

Now I was right there with Buck and I knew all he had was coffee and pie which comes to a quarter. "How come thirty-five

cents?" I asked Buck. "Had an extra cup of java the other day, Joe, and forgot all about it—'til now," he says.

From where I sit, most people are basically honest — and that goes for their opinions, too, even though they may be different than our own. I like a glass of beer with my dinner; you may prefer something else... but we all ought to be allowed to "figure it out" ourselves.

Joe Marsh

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## HELP HER WALK AGAIN!



## Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

### GOVERNOR VISIONS DISASTER

"This may be the last chance we will have to halt the trend toward socialism and bankruptcy," Governor Douglas McKay said at an organizational meeting of the Marion County Republican Club in Salem Thursday night.

The governor warned against mud-slinging and advised that "now is the time to get out and get mud on our shoes and tell people the difference between ideologies of the two political parties."

The meeting drew politicians from many parts of the state and was a windsock on political predispositions. Five self-appointed press agents extolled the presidential qualities of Eisenhower, Taft, MacArthur, Warren, and Stassen.

"We are confident he is a republican and will accept the nomination of our party," said Dean Rees of Willamette University.

Lowell Paget, of Portland said, "The nation is rapidly accepting a serious consideration of Senator Taft."

Steve Anderson, Salem, said Stassen should carry a heavy liberal and conservative vote. "When General MacArthur returned from the South Pacific, San Francisco gave him the most electrifying reception that city ever accorded an individual," George Haley, secretary of the M.C.R. club said.

Frank Sever, Portland, said Governor Warren's stature and vote-getting abilities surpassed those of any candidate in the field.

### PETITIONS FOR TRUMAN

Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie, chairman of the re-elect Truman committee of Oregon filed his candidacy Monday for delegate at large to the 1952 democratic national convention.

Sweetland, who is the democratic national committeeman for Oregon, is circulating petitions to place the President's name on the May primary ballot.

mer and Shakespeare. BOO: Snow and the cold which won't let us forget this is still winter... for sometime to come.

### SECOND TRY FOR BONDS

A second attempt will be made by the State Bond Commission to get permission from the Credit Restraint Committee in San Francisco to sell bonds on the open market to pay the long-delayed bonus to World War II veterans.

The first application was turned down by the Committee, which said the sale of the bonds would augment inflation.

The Commission made an unsuccessful attempt to sell some of the bonds to the State Retirement Board and the State Industrial Accident Commission.

The second try is scheduled for January 15.

### OREGON'S ADJUTANT GENERAL

Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea left this week for West Point to represent governor McKay and the State of Oregon at Sesquicentennial ceremonies.

From New York Gen. Rilea will go to Washington, D.C. to attend a conference on National Guard training. Returning he will stop at San Francisco to confer with 6th Army officers.

### NEW RULES FOR MILK

If you are overweight and want to reduce, the state department of agriculture is all on your side.

A new order the department put into effect last week requires that there shall be less than 1 per cent of butterfat in "non-fattening milk." Couldn't

## Our County

Jackson county Red Cross officials are making plans for the next visit of the bloodmobile. The blood unit will be in Medford Jan. 23. A visit to Ashland will be in February.

Budget forms and equalization explanations have been mailed out to school boards of the county by the office of the county superintendent. All school boards, except those of the first class districts, Central Point, Ashland and Medford, will begin work on budgets on Feb. 1.

The Jackson county selective service board has announced that 4-F registrants are being screened and reclassified and that the first contingent of this group has already received new pre-induction physicals.

M/Sgt. Virgil Carver of the army and air force recruiting office in Medford has announced 13 enlistees during the month of December. The list included Stephen Laninovich, 1035 Iowa street, Ashland and Robert D. Bates, 108 Front street, Talent.

There is an early indication that the dog population in Jackson county is up or else dog owners are being more prompt in securing licenses. Eighty licenses had been obtained at the county clerk's office in the first eight days of January compared with 68 for a like period in 1950.

find that one in the dictionary or Joe Miller's joke book — must listen to Jack Benny often.

In another order pasteurized milk customers will note a temperature increase to around 161 degrees.

### STATE JOBS GO A-BEGGING

Although 14,500 applications for state employment were received by the State Civil Service Commission in 1951, the state is still short of help in skilled professional classifications, Director James M. Clifford, reported Monday.

Director Clinton estimated there are 12,500 persons in State service. The commission processed 48,000 personal records during the year, including hiring, promotions, dismissals and demotions.

### JOBLESS PAY HEAVY

Jobless persons in Oregon got \$10,489,924 from the unemployment commission in 1951, the commission office said this week.

That was the smallest amount in 3 years but the commissioners predicted 1952 will be greater.

If money burns your pocket, soak it away in U.S. Defense Bonds and you'll have cool cash when you need it.

## Court Records

### POLICE COURT

Leo LeRoy Freudenthaler, 22, refused to place money in parking meters; also to pay overtime parking ticket; nor to pay fine assessed by court. Sentenced to \$7.50 or five days. Elected to serve five days.

William Ritchie, leaving motor vehicle unattended, motor running, bail \$5.

Robert L. Delsman, expired motor vehicle license, bail \$5.

John W. Brady, public intoxication, held in jail, floated a vagrant person.

Morris E. Whitham, failure to heed traffic signal, bail \$5.

Estle James, parking motor vehicle on sidewalk, bail \$1.

Mrs. M. E. Whitham, illegal parking, in crosswalk, bail \$2.50.

### JUSTICE COURT

Chauncey Harrison Thompson, no motor vehicle license, cited.

### LEGAL NOTICES

No. 52-15-E  
S U M M O N S  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE STATE OF OREGON,  
FOR JACKSON COUNTY  
LEONARD M. JARMAN,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
JEAN MARIE JARMAN,  
Defendant  
TO JEAN MARIE JARMAN,  
THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his complaint, to-wit: For a decree of the Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and granting plaintiff a divorce from defendant and granting plaintiff the custody of the minor children born of said marriage, particularly named in the complaint herein.

The date of the order for publication of this summons is January 8, 1952; 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 January 10, 1952.

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