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REFINANCING FOR SPRINGFIELD

The town of Springfield owes about \$150,000. This figure would not be so very alarming if it were not for the fact that half of this debt is either due now or will be by November, 1935. Since it is impossible for the city to pay on the dates due then some orderly method of refinancing that will give more time is necessary. Whatever refinancing plan is worked out should mean that the six per cent bonds should be replaced by four per cent bonds at least, thus lightening the interest burden which in recent years has reached nearly \$1000 a month.

The new audit of the city's books is now complete and the city knows exactly how it stands—its true assets and liabilities. The refinancing plan outlined by the auditor is as follows:

- 1. Refund \$11,500 in 7 per cent bonds now default. 2. Refund the \$40,000 in bonds due November 1, 1935, and November 1, 1936, drawing six per cent and without sinking funds to pay on due dates. 3. Float a bond issue to take up the \$26,000 of outstanding warrants so that the city can get on a cash basis.

The first two proposals can be done by the council without submitting them to the people. The refunding of outstanding warrants by bonds must be voted upon.

The auditor's suggestions to us seems the only logical way that the town can get out of the financial difficulty it is now in. In addition to what the auditor has said, and profiting by the experiences of the past as revealed in his report, if we were on the council we would be opposed to the issuance of any more bonds of the type sold by the city in the past.

The real cause of the city's difficulty is the using of the improvement bond sinking fund money received from property liens for other purposes than paying off bonds—"investing" for instance in general fund warrants. The set up from now on should be "fool-proof" and there should be no new sinking funds set up to tempt future councils.

All new bonds should be Serial bonds, a portion of which can be paid off by taxation every year over a period of years. The taxpayer then knows that 100 cents on the dollar of money budgeted and collected for bonds will actually go to pay off bonds.

Part of the defaulted issues the city is now trying to refund has been refunded once before. One issue of the school district bonds has been refunded once before. All this has been caused by using bond sinking funds for other purposes. The school district bonds are now in order with \$5,500 being paid off every year because they are serial bonds. If the city ever gets its house really "in order" it will be by some method in handling indebtedness whereby a definite part of the debt is paid off every year rather than pushing its bond debt load back into the future for our children to pay compound interest on.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS ON GOVERNMENT

Anonymous letter have recently come to members of the school board and city council demanding this or that public employee's resignation. Usually a recall is threatened if their demands are not complied with. Such a threat besides being illegal is of course cowardly as the person has not the nerve to make his demands openly.

Threats of this nature almost always have the reverse effect desired by the anonymous letter writer since they are extremely unfair and usually make the recipient mad rather than scared. School directors in a second class district are not subject to the recall and councilmen must be in office six months before they can be recalled. Anonymous writers using this threat at the present time are ignorant of the law.

School directors and councilmen want to please the electors in general. If anyone has a legitimate complaint against any teacher or appointive officer of the city that person we are sure will be courteously heard. If the person making the complaint does not want to make his charges in public meeting he might at least see the directors or councilmen privately. At any rate there is no excuse for anonymous letters especially of a threatening nature.

School teachers are employed by yearly contract and city appointive officers are for yearly terms. It usually takes genuine complaints backed up by proof to cause their removal. Any citizen has a right to make complaints but not to slander public employees. Those who do it are treading on dangerous grounds if they are once checked up.

Steel fabricated houses are crowding into the lumber field for building these days. Yet the houses built of wood have one feature which the steel house makers have not been able to overcome—appearance. The lumber industry should use all its ingenuity in producing attractive designs. In this way they can keep steel houses from making a great inroad in their field.

New lumber business is about 14 per cent above production, reports the National Lumber manufacturers association. A hopeful sign.

The soft peddle seems to be on the "brain trust" these days. Many of them have been sent back to the class room and the president is said to be looking for able executives once more.

Lessons from The Book

By DEAN C. POINDEXTER Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield, Oregon

THE MAN OF THE CROSS

To the question, "Why have you not brought Jesus into court?" the officers replied, "Never man spake as this man." They had the same unforgettable experience that had at once overjoyed and overawed the multitude of "The Mount." "It came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his teaching: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." His only final loyalty was to God. He would not tremble even before a quotation from the Old Testament. He said, "Ye have heard it said . . . but I say unto you." His actions in the temple at 12 years of age amazed his mother. The world has puzzled over his decisions in the wilderness temptations. But the most remarkable action of his life came upon the cross. It is not the crucifixion that matters but the Crucified. In the beginning "He opened his mouth and taught them." Here he opened his heart and showed them.

What does He say from the cross? What can, what should, be said from a cross? The Seven Last Words are words of love. If faith appears for the moment to waver of hope to be severely strained, love is now found at its best. If ever man saw the heart of God laid bare it was when Jesus Christ was "Lifted up" upon the cross.

IMPORTS OF CORN IRK GRAIN MEN

Surplus Wheat in Northwest Remains Unsold As Argentine Grains Enter Market

With 6,510,000 bushels of corn imported from last July 1 to February 28 and 12,800,000 bushels more of Argentine new crop corn ordered for shipment to the United States up to March 15, northwest grain farmers with surplus wheat are taking unusual interest in grain market conditions and grain importations, says a market report by the Oregon State college extension service. A large part of this corn entered Pacific coast ports from Argentine where a large new crop is now coming out to the world market.

Washington, D. C. press releases point out that imports of all grains in the eight months from July 1, 1934 to March 1, 1935 were only six-tenths of one per cent of this country's average production of grains, and less than two per cent of the loss to grain crops caused directly by the drought.

Other Grains Imported

Although not great in proportion to the reductions caused by the drought, imports during recent months are several times greater than normal, much of the increase going to drought areas. In addition to the corn, 9,321,000 bushels of oats, 7,842,000 bushels of barley, 5,864,000 bushels of rye and 9,511,000 bushels of wheat were imported into the United States during the eight months from July 1934 to February 1935.

Grain farmers point out that wheat imports already are nearly as large as the surplus wheat left unsold in the Pacific northwest, while the above-normal imports of wheat, rye, corn, oats and barley combined amount to at least twice that surplus.

Most of the wheat imported came from Canada into the central states area. Nearly half of it was wheat not fit for milling suitable at 10 per cent of its value, used for feed in the drought areas.

Hay imports totaled 49,000 tons from July 1 to February 28, mostly from Canada into the drought areas in the north central states where much hay from Oregon and other western states was marketed this season.

MANY JOBS OPEN IN CIVIL SERVICE WORK

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

- Junior safety instructor, \$1,440 a year, Bureau of Mines. Administrative assistant to the Director of the Census, \$5,600 a year, Bureau of Census. Principal transportation economist, \$5,600 a year, principal operating and cost analyst, \$5,600 a year, Interstate Commerce Commission. Junior naval architect (scientific ship calculations), \$2,000 a year, Navy Department. Scientific aid, \$1,800 a year, assistant scientific aid, \$1,620 a year, under scientific aid, \$1,260 a year, Department of Agriculture. Conservationist (forestry) various grades, \$2,600 to \$5,600 a year. Pathologist, \$3,600 a year, associate pathologist, \$2,200 a year, assistant pathologist, \$2,600 a year, Department of Agriculture. Optional subjects are barberry eradication and blister rust control. Chief scientific aid (blister rust control), \$2,600 a year, Department of Agriculture. Grazier, \$3,200 a year, Department of the Interior. Foreman and layout man, sheet metal shop, \$2,300 a year, Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or courthouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

FORD SALES INDICATE BANNER BUSINESS YEAR

The phenomenal increase in Ford registrations and advance orders for new cars is conclusive proof that business conditions throughout the entire northwest are getting better and better, is the belief of H. H. Wilcox, northwest branch manager of the Ford Motor company, who yesterday commented upon the remarkable Ford sales records now being established.

"In this territory, dealer orders for April delivery of passenger cars and trucks, approximate 35 percent of the number of cars sold in the entire year of 1934," Wilcox declared.

To point out that this optimistic attitude is not just a spring buying urge, Wilcox said that 1935 Ford V-8 deliveries for the first three months this year show an increase of 147 per cent over the same period of 1934.

"To fill the dealer orders for April, it will require nearly 1200 railroad boxcars to transport these Ford V-8s to the northwest," Wilcox stated, "or to make it more easily understood, this means that 34 separate, large trainloads of 35 boxcars per train will be needed."

Sport Shorts

Baseball

University of Oregon, April 11—Bill Reinhart's Webfoot baseball club will make its second start of the season against non-conference opposition next Friday and Saturday against the University of Portland. The teams will play here Friday and in Portland the following day.

In the opening games with Linfield here Saturday the Webfoots won the first 3 to 1, but fell before masterful pitching by Helsler of Linfield 7 to 1 in the second.

Tennis

Oregon's varsity tennis team will open its 1935 intercollegiate season in Eugene Thursday afternoon against the netmen of the University of Portland. The match will be the first of the year for both teams.

Swimming

The Oregon varsity swimming team climaxed a successful season last Saturday by sweeping every first place to easily win the 1935 northern division conference meet held at Seattle. The Webfoot men tallied 61 points, more than the combined total of their opponents. Washington placed second with 26, followed by W. S. C. with 24 and Idaho with four points.

Marksamanship

Oregon's crack R. O. T. C. five-man rifle team and its captain, Earl Thomson of Heppner, brought national honors to the university campus last week when the team and Captain Thomson were named winners in the senior division of the Hearst national trophy matches.

TEACHERS GO TO GUIDANCE MEET

Schools Will Have Half-Holiday Friday On Afternoon; Many Educators Coming

Springfield school students will have a half-day holiday Friday afternoon when the schools are closed to permit all teachers to attend the Educational Guidance meetings at the University Friday and Saturday. Attendance at the meetings will be considered as attendance at a local institute for the teachers.

Program for the two-day conference of educators will be as follows:

- Friday, April 12 9:00 A. M.—General session; address of welcome by President C. V. Boyer. Address, Problems Creating the Need for Guidance, Grayson N. Kefauver, dean of the school of education, Stanford University. Discussion panel: The Philosophy of Guidance. Led by Dean Kefauver, Stanford University. 2:00 P. M.—Discussion panel: Objections to Guidance. Led by Professor Carl W. Salsler, school of education, Oregon State college. 6:00 P. M.—Informal banquet. 7:30 P. M.—Discussion panel: Essential Procedures of Guidance. Led by S. E. Fleming, assistant superintendent of school, Seattle, Washington.

- Saturday, April 13 9:30 A. M.—Panel discussion: The Organization of Guidance Service. Led by Grayson N. Kefauver. 12:00 M.—Luncheon. Immediately followed by panel discussion: The Installation and Operation of Guidance Service. Led by S. E. Fleming. 2:30 P. M.—Findings and Summary of the Conference, Grayson N. Kefauver.

STAR CHAPTER SETS CHILDREN'S NIGHT

Cascade chapter, O. E. S. will observe annual children's night at their next meeting on April 16. A dinner will be served at 6 o'clock and the program will be given by children of the Star chapter and Masonic lodge members before the regular chapter session starts.

Mrs. Leota Rodenbough, Miss Thelma Sweeney, Mrs. Opal Roberts and Miss Emma Rogers will have charge of the children affair. Resignation of Mrs. I. M. Peterson as conductress was received recently, a successor will be chosen at a future meeting.

Marriage Licenses Granted

The county clerk issued marriage licenses to the following during the past week: Eugene Potts, Klamath Falls, and Bobby Irene Michael, Springfield; Ansel Lee, and Roberta Nolan, both of Eugene; Paul Cachary, Coburg, and Kathleen Meacham, Cottage Grove; Lloyd Dowdy, Eugene and Lillie Daugherty, Vida; Charles Edison and Bernice Waite, both of Eugene; John Walker, and Doris Hardy, both of Eugene.

BAPTIST GUILD GIRLS GIVE PARTY SUNDAY

World Wide Guild girls of the Baptist church presented a four-act missionary play entitled, "Missionary Arithmetic" at the evening service of the church last Sunday. Taking part in the play were the following girls:

Dorothy Chase, Wilma Crabtree, Jane Alice Pengra, Marie Briggs, Jean Chase, Bettie Currie, Cora Brown, Alberta Keeler, Mildred Billings, Alice Chase, Ida Jane Irwin.

HEAVY TOURIST CROP EXPECTED

Increase Of 25 Percent Predicted For Oregon; Many Seeking Literature

Tourists will flock to Oregon this summer in numbers far greater than during any season in the past five years, according to Dr. E. R. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association, who recently returned from a conference of enthusiastic executives of northwest motor clubs in San Francisco.

An increase of fully 25 per cent over last year has been indicated in tourist inquiries, which this year arrived more than a month ahead of schedule, he reported. Business of the conference was devoted almost entirely to discussion of closer co-operation of motor clubs in caring for the increase in travel.

Starting California Trips Now

"The California motor clubs especially are experiencing an earlier call for travel information," said Dr. McDaniel. "Particular inquiries have indicated that tourists will surge into the northwest from California."

"The recently completed coast highway is expected to carry a greater flow of visitors than ever before."

Many Seek Delayed Vacations

Those who want to "spend our money while we have it," and business men, tired from several years straight in the harness and "ready to get a rest," largely will be responsible for the greater volume of tourist business, Dr. McDaniel explained. Better economic conditions, of course, will add great impetus to the season.

Many persons already have begun to travel—maps and supplies are being rushed to the motor clubs and their branch offices. The Oregon association will have complete and up-to-the-minute information on hand for visitors to this state.

Other Regions Show Gain

Travel into Florida was reported to have increase 60 per cent this winter over the previous season. Inquiries and reservations for European travel indicate there will be 39 per cent rise in trans-Atlantic tourists.

Although inquiries regarding travel into Mexico indicate a tremendous increase, motor club officials, Dr. McDaniel said, are not advising the trip because of unsettled political conditions and because postponed completion of the road north of Jacala.

OREGON CORN-HOG SIGN-UP THREE FOURTHS '34

Approximately 75 per cent of the number of hogs represented in the 1934 corn-hog contracts in Oregon have been signed up for the 1935 program, according to a report made to Washington by Charles W. Smith of the Oregon State college extension service, head of the campaign this year.

This is considered a good percentage in view of the present favorable pork prices and other circumstances in this state. The campaign this year was carried out without unusual incidents, and completion of the contracts is expected to be accomplished promptly. With a few counties still to report, the final total is estimated at 4100 contracts for this state.

CROP AND FEED LOANS AVAILABLE IN COUNTY

Emergency Credit Provisions Explained For Lane Farmers By O. S. Fletcher

Emergency crop and feed loan blanks are now available in Lane county at the office of O. S. Fletcher, county agent, where farmers may obtain application blanks and instructions. Under the regulations this year any farmer before he may obtain a loan is required to certify that he is cooperating under the production control program with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Only those farmers who are unable to qualify either directly or through their landlords for a loan from a Production Credit association are eligible for emergency feed and crop loans.

No amount will be loaned in a

greater sum than in actually needed to cultivate and produce the crops or to purchase or produce feed. Not more than \$500 will be loaned to one individual. The minimum loan is \$10.00. The allowable amount per acre for various crops is similar to that of last year.

Two types of loans are available: 1. A crop loan; a first mortgage on the crops is required. 2. A feed loan for the purchase or production of feed for livestock; a first mortgage on the livestock is required.

FORMER RESIDENT OF CITY KILLED IN MINE

Joel B. Cowden, father of Joel Cowden of Springfield and Miss Louisa Cowden of Medford, was instantly killed in a mine accident at Tonopah, Nevada Friday. Funeral services were held there last week-end.

SPRING PEP

The coming of spring and the departing of winter brings on a period of intense activity in the home, garden, factory and school. When you feel spring fever coming on pep yourself up with a piece or two of Eggmann's candy.

Candy is not only pleasant to eat it is an energy building food. When it is Eggmann's candy you can be sure it is fresh, pure and delicious.

EGGIMANN'S

"Where the Service is Different"

Quality Products

The label "Maid O'Cream" stands for quality in dairy products. It also stands for a home product from Lane county farms and our modern Springfield plant. Our personal guarantee stands behind all our products and you know where we live.

Our service is here for your use. May we number you among our large army of customers.

Springfield Creamery Co.

Believe It or Not!

Our Mr. Tobey drove a model A Ford '29 model from Springfield to Stockton, California, a distance of 572 miles, in 14 hours.

The motor averaged a fraction less than 24 miles per gallon on Super-Shell gasoline.

This is one of the many reasons for filling our pumps with Shell products.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

New Springfield Garage

C. C. TOBEY R. H. BARRETT Phone 10 — 414 Main Street, Springfield, Oregon



THE 1935 Ford V-8 brings you the most important Ford development since the introduction of the Ford V-8 engine—the new Full-floating Springbase with Comfort Zone Seating.

Wherever you sit in this new Ford V-8, you ride centerpoised—between the springs. Springs are longer, more flexible, and the springbase increased to 123 inches. The result is "front seat riding comfort" even for back seat passengers.

New riding ease in the 1935 Ford V-8 is matched by new driving ease. Control, steering, parking are easier. Starting and shifting have been made almost effortless. Braking requires surprisingly little foot pressure—yet is surer, smoother.

Here is a car that is styled to the minute—built for the years. Welded all-steel body, engine and chassis improvements make it more durable than ever. Safety glass throughout at no extra cost.

Look to this new Ford V-8 for everything you could want in a modern car. See it at your nearest Ford dealer's now.

AUTHORIZED FORD DEALERS \$495 AND UP, F. O. B. DETROIT—Standard accessories (excepting bumper and spare tire extra. Easy terms through Universal Credit Co., Authorized Ford Finance Plan.

THE NEW FORD V-8

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