



LETTER FROM GOVERNOR

Dear Murray

I have just finished reading with a great deal of interest your newspaper column, Capital Parade, under the February 22 dateline. I want to compliment you on your coverage of the status of state funds, appropriations and tax matters. Particularly was I interested in your comment and observations concerning what the future may hold.

I made an address in Salem recently at which time I called attention to the increased demands for state financial support on the part of our political subdivision as presented to this session of the legislature. The counties are demanding additional state support. The cities represent that they are facing an acute situation, as well as do school districts throughout the state. All of this, of course, is separate and apart from the requests for new buildings and improvements for the schools of higher learning under the Board of Higher Education, as well as the several state institutions. All of these, of course, are worthy and deserving proposals. The important point is, however, how is the state to carry this increased load in the future if and when the present rate of large collections resulting from a rather abnormal condition, dwindle and fade? It seems to me that one of the three things must be done or perhaps a combination of two or more. These three things are:

1. Carve to the bone and cut out expenditures drastically.
2. Provide for substantial increases on property taxes, increasing the load of the already overburdened taxpayers.
3. Develop some other means of raising revenue sufficient to meet these increased demands.

As you ably and effectively pointed out, it is timely to look for the light of "caution". This year we shall probably collect over 20 millions of dollars from income and excise taxes without the discount. Yet, we must not forget that back in 1934 there was collected only about a million and a half from these same sources. Serious concern over these matters prompted me to suggest a thorough study of our entire tax structure, as well as problems involved therein and attendant thereto.

More articles such as yours on this subject would contribute much toward bringing about a general realization and appreciation of the problems involved.

Very truly yours
Earl Snell, Governor

LOW PHYSICAL FITNESS

More than 25,000 men or 41 percent of all Oregon men inducted into the armed forces, have been rejected for physical reasons, says Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state director of selective service. Col. Wooton, speaking at a hearing on a bill to require physical fitness programs in all high schools, said most of the rejected men were between 19 and 29 years old. He said, however, that Oregon's rejection rate was below the national average.

NEW GAME OFFICIAL

Dr. George A. Cathey, Portland, a native Oregonian and a past president of the Isaak Walton league of America, has been appointed a member of the state game commission for five years by Governor Earl Snell. He holds a pharmacy degree from Oregon State college and a medical degree from the University of Oregon medical school. He also held the world's archery record for distance flight.

CAPITAL SHORTS

After a feeling tribute to George Washington on the house floor Re-

presentative William B. Morse, Prineville republican, arose complimented the speaker and then said, "One of the finest things Washington did not do was to run for a third term." . . . The 50 house republicans cheered. Representative C. H. Francis was conducting a fruitless search in the house for a Bible when Representative (Call me Joe) Wilson, Lincoln county member, came to his rescue with what proved to be the only copy of the Holy Bible available. . . . Friday it took four hours of debate to kill two bills. . . . Governor Earl Snell announced Monday the reappointment of Dr. C. C. Newcastle, Portland, as a member of the state board of medical examiners.

12TH AAF FIGHTER-BOMBER BASE IN ITALY—S. Sgt. Lester L. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cox Jr., who reside in Lexington, Ore., can now wear the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Unit badge, now that his unit, the 27th Fighter Group, a veteran P-47 Thunderbolt air support outfit, has become the first AAF unit in the Mediterranean theatre to be cited four times in war department general orders.

When word of the latest citation arrived on Dec. 12, it was cause for a triple celebration for the 27th, which is now commanded by Lt.

Col. William R. Nevitt, Montgomery, Ala., for that was the date of the group's second anniversary in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations and it was also the eve of its 2,500th combat mission against the Nazis.

The citation covers the day of the Salerno invasion, Sept. 10, 1943. On that day, the 27th then flying A-36 Invaders and commanded by Col. Dorr E. Newton Jr., Fox Hollow Farms, Malvern, Pa., in the words of the citation, "set itself above and apart in other similar units . . . in the same engagement when it completely neutralized the combat effectiveness of three Axis Panzer divisions."

"In a grueling daylong assault," the general orders stated, "the 27th Fighter Group, coordinated with attacks of other units of the Allied Air Forces, prevented the transfer of overwhelmingly powerful reinforcements and contributed in great measure to the successful establishment of the Salerno beachhead. The citation particularly lauds the "skill and devotion" of the ground crew.

The group had previously been cited for its gallantry in action on Bataan and Java and in the skies over Australia in the early days of the war with Japan.

Sgt. Cox is a graduate of Lexington high school and entered the army in October 1941.

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Mrs. Hubert Galey spent Wednesday moving from the Case apartments to her new home in the Jones apartments.

TUESDAY IN PENDLETON

Mrs. R. C. Lawrence took Mrs. W. P. Mahoney to Pendleton Tuesday to see Mrs. Mahoney's new granddaughter, Shannon.

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been promised. But the retirement people want big back payments in order to start the deal and will probably go home sadder and wiser.



from where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

America Has its Portrait Painted

Dan Mascon's cousin, an honest-to-goodness artist, came to our town. And when he heard we were having a weenie roast, he asked could he come and bring his paints.

After he got through working on his canvas . . . he had as nice a picture of us enjoying ourselves as you could ask for . . . complete to the last little detail . . . from Molly Burile's dimples to the foam on Ed Carey's glass of beer.

"I'm calling it a portrait of America," Dan's cousin says.

And from where I sit, he couldn't have a better title. Whether it's a weenie roast in our town or a square dance on a Wisconsin farm, it's all a part of America—a part of our neighborliness, our love of fun and pleasant living.

Because our right to enjoy a temperate beverage like beer is a part of our American heritage of personal freedom.

Joe Marsh

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