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An Embarrassing Situation

People dependent upon public utility transportation in and out of Heppner are in a sorry plight these days. The limited bus service that was in operation desisted and travelers, or would-be travelers are literally left afoot. One must bum a ride or stay at home. It is an embarrassing situation.

What can or may be done about it is an answer that has not been forthcoming. If bus operators of the past have been unable to make the route pay it is not reasonable to expect, much less to urge, others to enter the business. Operators have tried running from Heppner to Arlington, and from Heppner to The Dalles, yet there is insufficient traffic, apparently, to warrant continuance of any service from here to the outside.

One possible solution may be—and this would be only a limited service—for the Union Pacific truck service to put on a combined freight and passenger truck. This will not meet with approval by the truck concern for it involves more insurance coverage, yet if the railroad company and the other utility carriers choose to cut us off and there is insufficient patronage to warrant operation of a regular bus line it is not unreasonable to ask that the truck company give such a service consideration. This type of combination truck is in operation in other interior areas and could well be put into use here. The truck carrying mail and freight to and from Heppner usually makes two trips each 24 hours. Why couldn't passengers be carried on one of these trips, at least?

The Battle for Oregon

Things have been warming up politically in Oregon for the past few weeks, and more particularly the past few days, with two presidential

aspirants making intensive campaigns here. Harold Stassen has visited the state three times within the past eight months and there is no doubt about his popularity, particularly among the younger voters. This week we have New York's Governor Dewey as our guest and he is making an intensive campaign to divert some of the Stassen popularity in his direction, and with some success, we believe.

Here are two strong personalities, both believing in a firm foreign policy and following the same trend to a large degree in domestic affairs. Both have distinguished themselves in public service, and both are young men. Both are committed to the development of resources in the northwest, although their approach to the problems may differ. Mr. Dewey has taken issue with Mr. Stassen on the proposal to outlaw the communist party in the United States and his opposition is based on a firm belief in the American principle of freedom—that if it is possible to outlaw one party it will likewise be possible to outlaw all political parties—and that when that happens he would no longer wish to live in America for all freedom would be abolished.

Having heard these two men discuss the issues, largely through the medium of answering questions, one can not help but be impressed with their sincerity and their earnest desire to lead the nation, and the world, out of the chaotic condition resulting from seven years of all-out war. In drawing a line, it can be said that Mr. Dewey is more emphatic regarding his foreign policy, as well as his criticism of the present administration, which he declares has no foreign policy.

It may be possible that neither of these prominent candidates will receive the nomination. Things can happen at conventions. It is the writer's humble opinion that both are good presidential material but that Dewey has the advantage of several years in age and experience which give him an edge on administrative know-how.

4-H Club News



GAMBLERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Election bet bookmakers, the big money group of the Portland gambling element, for the past five weeks have been conducting their usual pre-election straw ballots. This was when their research was solely and invariably for their own information in computing odds for offering bets. For the past 15 years, however, they have been utilizing a by-product by "making announcements of odds favoring a candidate they feel they can trust to keep "hands-off" their illegal activities.

On the theory that everyone likes to talk and vote for a winner they doubtless have frequently gained votes for their candidates. Of course their announced odds are more often for betting purposes.

Four weeks ago they announced odds that favored Dewey to carry Oregon. Two weeks ago odds changed to favor Stassen. This week odds are two to one on Stassen. Hall for governor was a two-to-one bet four weeks ago, now "the sheet" reads Hall 5 to 4. Up-state bets have been even money. For secretary of state Newby has a steadily increasing lead.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVED

Oregon is tied for second place in the western division of the national-wide pedestrian protection contest sponsored by the American Automobile association. The state department was advised Monday in a letter from the national headquarters of the association, "deserving of special attention is Mr. Earl T. Newby," the letter said.

CAMP WHITE BILL BOLSTERED

Oregon's congressional delegation was asked this week to support the present bill before congress for government use of Camp White as a veterans hospital. The request came from Governor John Hall and Secretary of State Earl Newby who are of

4-H Club News

Ingrid Hermann, lone member of the Senior 4-H Livestock club, is the first club member to receive a scholarship for the 1948 4-H summer school which will be held on the Oregon State campus, June 15-25. Ingrid was awarded her scholarship by the Safeway Stores on the basis of being chosen as the county winner in the livestock breeding project.

Ingrid will be one of approximately twenty 4-H members from Morrow county to attend the 1948 summer school. Other delegates have been chosen by the county 4-H council and will be announced as soon as a quota is assigned from the state 4-H office. These delegates are chosen as outstanding 4-H club members who are at least 13 years of age and have completed, before this year, at least two years of club work.

4-H council members are accepting scholarships at this time which are used in sending the club members to summer school. Scholarship donors will be announced soon.

The opinion that there is no chance that the state can use the former navy hospital and that it should be utilized by some governmental unit.

Whether the state should acquire and maintain Camp White hospital was one of the political hot potatoes of the 1947 legislature which voted for the idea. The late Governor Earl Snel vetted the bill. An initiative measure to have the state take over Camp White is being circulated for signatures.

HIGHWAY REVENUES PAID

Secretary of State Earl T. Newby distributed \$1,157,181 to Oregon counties this week. The amount is 19 percent of state highway revenues for the first three months of 1948.

The money is apportioned on the basis of the number of motor vehicles in each county. It comes from sale of motor vehicle licenses, gas taxes, motor carrier taxes, and fines for violation of vehicle laws.

RITES CALLING HALL

Governor John Hall has accepted an invitation from Stan Allyn, chairman of the fleet of flowers Memorial Day ceremonial at Depoe Bay, May 30, to attend the ceremonies. Plans include the introduction of Governor Hall at the shore side portion of the services and also for him to cast the first wreath on the water in commemoration of all servicemen who have been lost at sea.

NEW LEGAL OPINIONS

Attorney General George Neuner issued the following opinions concerning Oregon statutes: The 1947 amendment to the workmen's compensation law does not have retroactive effect. A veteran has used up a full "month-unit" of educational benefit if he attends scheduled classes for one calendar month. The superintendent of schools under the county unit system has the "status" of teacher. There is a termination of employment when an employee quits his job, or when the employer discharges the employee, but not when there is a cessation of work on account of a strike or labor dispute. Trading stamp plan which redeems stamps in cash is within the Oregon securities law and must be registered.

STATE CAPITAL NOTES

Revised codes governing transportation of farm workers are off the state press and are being distributed to the state's 29 employment offices. Senator Guy Gordon has presented President Truman an invitation to attend the Portland Rose Festival June 9 to 13. The president will be in California about that time. "I am glad to call attention to the annual observance of Mother's Day, May 9th," Governor Hall said in a statement issued April 30. Governor John H. Hall was compelled to cancel several speaking engagements last week because of an attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayers motored to Portland Wednesday to spend several days on business and pleasure.

May Day Program Proves Success At Boardman School

By Flossie Coats

The May Day program and picnic put on by the grades in school Friday was a huge success. The crowning of Queen Gracia and King Peter with attendants Carol Hamilton and Robert Fortner, was first on the program. The first four grades wound the Maypole and also played several numbers. Fifth and sixth grades presented a play and the 7th and 8th played several orchestra numbers under direction of Leader George Jaross.

Plans for Mother's Day observance are being made this week. The G.A.A. high school girls are having their annual Mother and Daughter party Friday, May 7. While the Community church is planning a program in memory of Mother for Sunday.

Mrs. Nate Macomber was called to Pilot Rock this week by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Matilda McReynolds, who had suffered a stroke. Mrs. McReynolds passed away Sunday morning, May 2. Funeral services were held in Pilot Rock Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDaniel of Stanfield were Friday visitors to visit Mrs. Daniel's daughter, Mrs. Allen Billings. They also attended the program and picnic at the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Macomber and family of Spray were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Root.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller motored to The Dalles Sunday to visit Mrs. Miller's daughter, Mrs. Allen Billings. They also attended the program and picnic at the school.

D.D.G.M. VISITS

Alex Curie, deputy district grand master for the 28th district of Oregon, paid an official visit to Heppner Lodge No. 69, A.F. & A.M. Tuesday evening. The Morrow county lodges, Heppner and Ione, were transferred last month from the Umatilla county district to District 28, which includes Fossil, Condon and Arlington. Accompanying Mr. Curie were Dan Walter, E. E. Fryer and W. D. Williams of the Condon lodge.

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Stephen Irwin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Irwin, has been called to Camp Berkeley, where he will train for aviation service.

Charles J. Osten received a commission as second lieutenant at the officers' training camp at Leon Springs, Texas.

Lexington is at present shipping from 25 to 75 cases of eggs per week and it is expected the number will be increased.

Karl Beach is busy this week installing the plumbing in the new McMillan residence in Lexington.

A number of members of the Heppner Home Guard went to Ione Monday evening to assist in the organizing of a unit in that place.

Francis O'Sullivan, aged 20, nephew of Mrs. E. L. Bucknum, died Monday at the old Slocum mill on Rhea creek where he had gone from his home in Portland seeking to improve his health in the mountain climate.

Fred Putnam and family of Monument were visitors in Heppner Monday, coming over by auto.

When Arthur Hodgson of the Hendriksen place near Cecil was returning from Ione with a load

Washington Week

By CHARLES L. EGENROAD

Washington, D. C.—Why is the President asking Congress for war preparations? The American people may soon know.

A resolution introduced by 32 Republican Senators on March 19 should result in revealing the nature of the mysterious commitments made at Teheran, Cairo, Yalta and Potsdam which, it is now evident, are the basis of the present international crisis.

Yet President Truman is the only one who can divulge the secrets of those historic conferences. In his special message to Congress on March 17, he issued a call to arms because of a war threat without stating what that threat is.

Going no further than to say that one nation has "persistently ignored and violated" agreements which "could have furnished a basis for a just peace," he made commitments binding on the lives of all Americans. On this indictment he has asked Congress to take steps. On these secrets he wants Congress to set the stage for a possible War III.

In behalf of the people who are involved in this crisis, the Senators have asked Mr. Truman to tell Americans just how far they have been committed as a nation. Joining in sponsorship of the resolution, one of the 32 Senators recalled the American watchword, "United we stand, divided we fall."



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