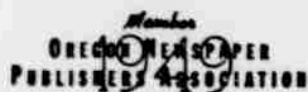


# EDITORIAL



## Why Is The Fourth of July?

There was a time when we Americans felt we knew the answer to this question but nowadays we are about as clear on the subject as was the Englishman who thought the "why" meant the fourth letter of July. Taking the current year as an example, the Fourth is looked upon as one of those double holiday affairs created by the calendar, wherein the legal holiday is teamed up with Sunday. That means one extra day for places of business to remain closed and an opportunity for employer as well as employe to get out and drive several hundred miles and return home to rest up. To others it means a big celebration of some kind or other, and they too must have extra time to rest up, while still others, perhaps a bit more sensible than the rest of us just stay home and rest up in the first place.

The country has traveled far from the day the Declaration of Independence was signed and the great question of the moment is just how fast will we travel to reach the point where most of the "liberty and justice for all" will have been displaced by centralized government where instead of government for the masses it will be government for the classes.

It would be a good thing for us to devote part of the forthcoming holiday to a study of the Declaration of Independence and see if it would not be worthwhile to dedicate our lives to the principles set forth in that priceless document (which some of the Washington hierarchy would treat as a mere scrap of paper) and see if some of the liberties guaranteed under the Constitution can be preserved for future generations before it is too late.

## Nature Upset Budget

There is one element with which budget committees can not successfully cope and that is

Mother Nature. She refuses to cooperate and frequently her antics throw governmental budgets off the track, leaving officials embarrassed for want of sufficient funds to meet emergencies.

The February run-off is a timely example. Both county and city budgets were affected to a degree not contemplated by either committee. Consequently, funds that more than likely would have been used in road and street improvement had to be diverted to emergency repairs.

In the case of the city, two bridges not counted in the budget had to be replaced. One of these, the upper Main street culvert, has involved several thousands of dollars, along with channel cutting and widening, but the city council felt it was better to do a good job of it now rather than to face the possibility of another washout in the near future. But this has used funds that had been earmarked for other improvements and only temporary work has been done on the streets, some of which had reached a sad state.

To overcome this handicap and to provide for a reasonable amount of street and bridge work this year, the council is asking for an additional \$12,734, which is in excess of the six per cent limitation. It is an emergency and if approved will permit substantial repairs to some of the streets that if left much longer will require rebuilding. Something will have to be done about a surfaced road to the hospital and inasmuch as the opening will likely take place in the late fall it will be advisable to have the road work done by that time.

Parking meters, to date appear to be paying their way. They are still offensive to some motorists who can't get used to the idea but if the little gadgets remain long enough we'll get used to 'em—just like a man hanging by the neck.

## The American Way

THIS IS IT!

By DeWitt Emery

(EDITOR'S NOTE: DeWitt Emery is president of the National Small Business Men's Association.)

For more than 10 years, some of us have been telling everyone we could reach with spoken and written words that the new deal big spending program would destroy constitutional government, kill freedom of enterprise and wipe out private property of every kind and character.

Our continual hammering on this subject, backed up by logic and reason, and supported by facts and figures has caused quite a number of doubting Thomases to see the light and if we had enough time, we could undoubtedly convince a large majority of the American people that there is a vast difference between promise and performance and that there isn't now and never will be a successful substitute for hard work and thrift.

Unfortunately, we have run out of time. We are now right smack up against the final deadline. The American people must act at once or it will be too late and we'll lose freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom of enterprise and everything else our sons, our fathers and their forefathers fought for and died to preserve for us.

Yes, my friends, that's just how serious the situation is right now. Our federal government is spending all of us into bankruptcy and serfdom. I'm not asking you to take my word for this but rather to accept the word of the person who has made a more thorough and careful study and knows more about the fiscal policies of our federal government than anyone else in the country, Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia.

On the floor of the Senate on May 6, after commenting on the

terrific strain the adoption of the budget for fiscal 1950, as presented by the President, would put on our economy. Senator Byrd said: "I am convinced that in the coming year we shall extend our fiscal and economic stability to extremes where it may be unable to withstand additional pressures which are unavoidable in fiscal year 1951. When our fiscal and economic stability weakens there is certain to be a demoralizing domestic crisis which probably be disastrous to our private enterprise system and therefore to our form of government."

That's plenty plain, isn't it? And when Senator Byrd, who is a sound, solid American of the highest integrity, who always has the courage of his convictions, and who is conservative at all times on all things, says that disaster is only a little way ahead now, you can be absolutely certain that the situation is mighty mighty serious.

The question is, are you, yes, I mean you, willing to do something about it? If you want to make an effort to preserve our American way of life, then write to your congressman and to both of the senators from your state to let them know that you want them to support Senator Byrd's recommendations for reducing the 1950 budget. That'll do it. It will show beyond any doubt that there is a strong, nationwide demand—this column is appearing in more than three thousand daily and weekly newspapers and will be read by more than ten million people—for a substantial reduction in the cost of our federal government. And in a republic, public opinion is always the final controlling factor.

Time is mighty short to get your letters in the mail today. Address congressman, House Office Building, and senators, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

unsuccessful at the polls in 1950. WHY DID HE DO IT? The political minded friends of Governor McKay are all cramped up like the question marks that create their befuddlement.

With the grange, the farmers union and organized labor lined up for CVA, why, they ask, did the governor get mixed up in a controversy as hot as this big federal proposal?

What the politics forget is that it is the same Doug McKay that has always been forthright in business, civic affair and in the senate. He has a manner of speaking his mind and quick. Political sagacity or not, McKay would have had a hard time keeping out of the CVA argument had he wanted to.

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## 30 YEARS AGO

Hepner Gazette Times, July 3, 1919

Amanuel C. Petteys passed away at home near Ione June 18, aged 88 years and 10 months. He is survived by his wife, two sons and five daughters.

E. R. Huston has been selected as fire chief and the volunteer fire department will resume their drilling at once.

While taking a load of supplies from town to his ranch one day last week, Nels Justus lost his car by fire. Doubtless a short circuit caused the fire which burned everything but the wheels.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dix arrived in Hepner Thursday and Mr. Dix will take a position with Case Furniture Co. Mrs. Dix will take charge of the rooms over the furniture store.

Lawrence Shutt who has been doing newspaper work in California for the past two years will spend the summer with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Smith took their daughter Barbara to Eugene last week where she will attend the university.

ents Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shutt, in Hepner.

Dr. William Hughes, well known Milton dentist, was in Hepner Saturday from Little Butter creek where he has been visiting his brother, P. A. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Woods have gone to Pendleton to reside, where he will work in a grocery store. Until recently Mr. Woods has held a similar position with Minor & Co.

Mrs. Phil Cohn accompanied by her daughter and son, Eleanor and Henry Cohn, have departed for San Francisco to visit relatives there.

The Standard Oil property puts on a refreshing appearance now as a result of painting of tanks and buildings. Manager Milholland is to be congratulated.

Miss Nettie Mason, the foremost woman farmer in Morrow county, was in Hepner Saturday from her Rhea Creek ranch to look after some business matters.

## Boardman Woman Leaves for Tour of European Resorts

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wheeler of Troutdale are the parents of a baby daughter, Dale Elaine, born June 20, 1949. This is the second child for the Wheelers and the first daughter. Mrs. Wheeler will be remembered as Elaine Fisher, daughter of Mrs. Avie Fisher and the late John Fisher, who formerly resided in Boardman.

Duane Brown spent several days last week in Portland. Mrs. Sue Wendland of Rock-

way arrived last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Palmer. Mrs. Wendland has taken a cabin at Norm's and is also employed in the cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ransier and family left last week for Cape Vincent, New York to make their home. Ransier will be employed on the dairy farm of his father-in-law.

Little Brenda Billings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Billings, celebrated her fourth birthday Friday by having many little folks in for the afternoon. Mrs. Billings was assisted by the mothers present.

E. T. Messenger left Friday for a two weeks vacation, going as far as Yellowstone National Park. Going with him were his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Uram Messenger and their daughter Donna of Portland.

Ed Gillespie who has been visiting his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie, left Saturday for Lewiston, Idaho to visit other relatives before his return trip home to California.

Mrs. Charles Nickerson was a Pendleton visitor Thursday.

Mrs. T. W. Rippee left Saturday for Hepner where she attended the wedding of her grandson, Lowell Rippee.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tannehill are the parents of a daughter, Susan Bernadette, born Sunday, June 26 at the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. This is the second daughter for the Tannehills. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tannehill, Boardman and Mrs. Bernadette Woolley of Alberta, Canada, who is with her daughter here for a couple of months.

Mrs. Blanche Jones, Etta, Phillip and Archie Jones, also Mrs. Anna Cramer motored to Pendleton Monday. The Jones' will visit.

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## CVA HOT POTATO

No incident in the present campaign (or had you noticed it started 3 months ago) has stirred so much political gab as the pilgrimage of Northwest governors and officials to Washington, D. C., last week, where they appeared before the public affairs committees of the senate and house to present their objections or approvals of the Columbia Valley Administration.

Oregon's Governor Douglas McKay, Senate President William E. Walsh and Speaker of the House Frank J. Van Dyke were there to present their objections, while State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, State Senator Austin F. Fleeger and State Senator Vernon D. Bull told the committees that a majority of the people of Oregon wanted the project.

Political scuttlebutt has it that McKay will run in the May, 1950 primaries for the republican nomination for governor—some say for United States senator—also that Pearson and Fleeger will be after the democratic nomination for governor or U. S. senator. Pearson, whose term as state treasurer does not expire until 1953, can run for either the higher offices and, if unsuccessful, retain his job as state treasurer. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery is in the same position as Pearson except that he would run for the republican nomination for governor or U. S. senator and retain his present job as secretary of state if

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trends follow the pattern of price levels and as most reports do, the recent Oregon reports verify the scientific conclusions. And the graph of these crimes, like the graph of price levels, is something spastically new.

Just as the economy of the country is unpredictable from the bull and bear gouging in Wall street down to the price of groceries on Main street, nobody feels sure of anything going up or down. Lower prices appear at the most illogical spots. Prices go up where there is no trace of reason. The increase in certain categories of crime and the decrease in others from a new pattern. Late state police reports show an increase of 16 per cent over last year in the vicious crime brackets, with the exception of violations of the motor vehicle code. During the past 30 days, state police made 4818 arrests for various crimes. With 4028 of this number for motor vehicle law violations, with fines totaling \$33,786 and sentences of 2648 days in jail. Leading this list for fines were 79 drunken drivers who were fined a total of \$6822 and 1487 days in jail. Fines totaling \$8,216 and 258 years in jail were given 345 game code violators.

## GOVERNORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Tuesday morning Governor Douglas McKay announced the appointment of Everill Max Page, Salem, as a member of the Oregon Supreme Court to succeed the late Justice Percy R. Kelly. The governor also announced the appointment of Robert Taylor, Portland, as State Insurance Commissioner, succeeding Seth B. Thompson who resigned.

Harold Van Horn is recovering from a major surgical operation performed at St. Anthony's hospital last week.

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