

EDITORIAL



One Field Not Overdone

Parents as well as graduates should give some thought to the statement made by Lyle Johnson relative to openings for graduates in the world of employment.

It is not encouraging to high school graduates to learn that approximately 500,000 college graduates will be cast upon the world this month, a business world that in many of its branches the saturation point has been reached.

Many more young people could enter the teacher training schools if they but had the courage to make the start. Four years may seem a long time ahead when looking into the future.

It is not known how many of the twenty young women in the 1950 graduating class of Heppner high school plan to go to college.

Hike Taxes or Cut Costs Is Uncle Sam's Problem

To help American families solve their money problems the United States Government is currently issuing at least one pamphlet showing people how to keep household spending within the bounds of family income.

But here is what the Council of State Chambers of Commerce finds Uncle Sam is doing in his own Federal household:

The Federal Government will spend about \$5 1/2 billion more this year than the \$36 1/2 billion it will collect in revenues. It is expected to do substantially the same thing in 1951.

In only two years out of the last 20 (in 1947 and 1948) has the Federal Government balanced its budget by living within its income.

To return to a balanced budget, the Council finds the Federal Government may do one of two things: either increase taxes or reduce spending.

But taxes of one kind or another are already taking more than a quarter of the people's income.

And as to reducing Federal spending, the question always asked is, "Where?" Two senators, Harry F. Byrd of Virginia and Paul Douglas of Illinois, have offered some detailed answers to that \$64 question with respect to the 1951 Federal spending budget.

Senator Byrd, among other things, would eliminate 250,000 civilian jobs in non-military agencies, lop off another 80,000 civilians from military establishment payrolls, reduce public work outlays by \$1 billion, and withhold Congressional approval from most of the 34 new spending programs recommended by the president in his 1951 budget.

Senator Douglas' long list of budget-paring proposals includes one to reduce excessive vacation privileges of Federal employees. Both senators see large savings opportunities in the adoption of the Hoover Commission's recommendations for consolidating and streamlining Government agencies.

The Federal Government is the world's number one publisher. Its printing costs amount to more than \$55 million annually. It prints and distributes such masterpieces as "Interaction of Sex, Shape and Weight Genes in Watermelons," "Mis-netting for Birds in Japan," and "Habits, Food and Economic Status of the Bandtailed Pigeon."

Because of the red tape surrounding Federal civil service it is almost impossible to discharge incompetent help. For example, it required 27 months to discharge one inefficient stenographer.

A farmer wrote a letter to the Department of Agriculture seeking advice on the best type of fertilizer to use on his soil. He received answers from five separate offices and all the answers were different and contradictory.

"One of the things we have to be thankful for is that we don't get as much Government as we are paying for."—Charles F. Kettering.

"Fellows who drive with one hand are usually headed for the church aisle. Some will walk down it; others will be carried."—Anon.

"The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it."—Anon.

Milt: "What did the three Russians say when they arose from the dinner table?" Roy: "Soviet."



DENIES WATER RAID

It is important that the people of Oregon realize the true sources of plans to divert water outside their state boundaries.

No public water official in California is advocating the scheme to divert the waters of the Columbia or Snake rivers to California. This was the claim made by James H. Howard, general council for the metropolitan water district of California to the Salem Capital Journal this week.

He puts the blame for the idea of tapping Pacific Northwest rivers to irrigate California desert wastes and raise the depleted water tables under the citrus orchards on the United States department of the interior.

Says Howard: "California's only interest in water sources outside the state is in the Colorado river. The people of California have built adequate systems and canals at their own expense to bring Colorado river water into the state. Contracts with the federal government provide for the diversion in this way of 5,362,000 acre feet of water. We are not attempting to increase that amount."

"Any protest against the diversion of Oregon water into California should be directed toward the bureau of reclamation."

FIELD ADVENTURE DAYS

In recognition of the good deeds and influences of those among us who make continuous contributions of energies and personalities toward the betterment of the lot of their less fortunate fellows, Governor Douglas McKay designated the week of June 3rd as Field Adventure Week.

"The following biblical quotation," said the governor, "sums up my feelings on the subject. 'Pure religion and undefiled—is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction.'—James 1:27."

STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CHECK

A great many more drivers were operating without proper licenses than officials suspected. And there is going to be something done about it.

In a series of one-hour-a-day traffic checks, Salem police have apprehended an average of 28 drivers a day without valid drivers licenses.

The checks, which were started ten days ago by Chief Clyde A. Warren, of the Salem force, have not only been successful in locating many license evaders but also have uncovered several cases of law violation of more serious nature.

"A petty law violator, more often than not, is a potential criminal and most always has warped ideas on law observance. He fails to recognize and evaluate that laws and law enforcement are protecting him," said Chief Warren.

Local police in other Oregon cities will be asked to conduct traffic checks using the Warren method, said Deputy Secretary of State William E. Healy Monday. NEW INSURANCE COMPANY Ex-Governor John H. Hall and

Committees Speed "Balanced Plan" Petition Signing

Twenty-five county "Balanced Plan" committees are racing the June 30 deadline for legislature, reapportionment petitions, it was announced in Salem this week. A spokesman for the Non-partisan committee for Balanced Apportionment said that petitions are coming in but it will be a tough battle to get 30,000 signatures in time.

Organization of committees in the remaining counties is being rushed to completion. State Senator Philip Hitchcock, "Balanced Plan" committee member of Klamath county is quoted as saying, "The problem of reapportionment is the most serious threat to Oregon outside of war with Russia."

Marshall Swearingen, Salem, speaking for the state committee said, "The people of Oregon are beginning to wake up to the fact that if the 'Population Plan' goes through, voters in a large part of the state will be disfranchised. The 'Balanced Plan' is designed to prevent domination of the state by one population center and give the voter a voice everywhere in Oregon."

The "Balanced Plan" spokesman said that this is the first attempt by rural people to protect their vote by initiative petition. In view of the obvious need for reapportionment we have brought out the "Balanced Plan" as a fair solution to the problem rather than be "against" the "Population Plan."

Counties with active 'Balanced Plan' committees at present are: Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Malheur, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington.

The new corporation had been approved May 17 by Corporation Commissioner Maurice Hudson.

NEW REAL ESTATE MEN

The state real estate board held examinations in Salem last week for brokers and salesmen which were the last for this fiscal year. Six applicants took the examination for brokers with four passing and two failing to pass. Forty-five applicants took the examination for salesmen with 42 passing and only 4 failing to pass.

The next examination will be in Salem in mid-July.

FRYERS FOR SALE—Pressed or alive. Write Mrs. Alex Hunt, Lexington. —11-12p.

DANCE Saturday June 3 Lexington IOOF Hall ADMISSION \$1.00 Per Person —Music— STAR DUSTERS of Walla Walla LUNCH AT MIDNIGHT

June Occasions Call for Flowers A boutonniere for Dad, bouquet for the bride... Heppner Flower Shop

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY JOS. J. NYS ATTORNEY AT LAW Call Settles Electric for all kinds of Electrical Work New and Repair Shop phone 2253 at Willow & Chase Streets. Res. Phone 2542

The American Way DYNAMIC PATRIOTISM By Morton Clausen (Editor's Note: Morton Clausen was for many years publisher and editor of a weekly-news-paper.) America is experiencing a fatalistic gloom, expressing itself in "What's the use?"

30 Years Ago HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES June 3, 1920 A quiet wedding took place in this city this afternoon when Lera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Githens, became the bride of Spencer Crawford.

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