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Let's Look At It This Way

All too often the gloomy and tragic news rates a banner headline. To correct this situation Changing Times, Kiplinger Magazine, has assembled some statistics that reflect the sunny side of life in the United States.

—There are 162,922,000 Americans who are not members of the Communist Party.

—Some 37,011,460 couples will stay more or less happily married during the year.

—On the average, there are 63,868,000 people working to bring home the bacon.

—Last year, the scheduled airlines safely carried passengers 8,902,134,841 miles in the U. S. and possessions; railroads safely carried passengers 31,674,931,200 miles.

—Some 162,717,890 persons will not die of cancer in 1955.

—And 162,380,580 persons will be safe from fatal heart attacks.

—About 629,000,000 acres of forest land will not be set on fire by careless smokers and picnickers this year.

—Most of the time, 15,720,000 organized workers are not on strike.

—Of the 18,977,472 little boys in the country who are under the age of 10, only six or possibly seven will have to go through the terrible ordeal of being President of the United States.

—At least 162,944,424 people have not been frightened by seeing flying saucers hurtle through the air.

—The Internal Revenue Service will find that 43,846,154 income tax returns are filed correctly in 1955.

—Finally, there are 83 counties in the world that have not discovered the secret of the hydrogen bomb.

—(Lake County Examiner)

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

An important questionnaire on wheat growing practices for the 1954 crop has just been mailed to wheat growers by the agricultural marketing service. This is another of many surveys that are made during the year by the Agricultural Marketing Service, formerly the bureau of agricultural economics, to determine yield and other data which are used in estimates by the department of agriculture for many purposes. These are important and everyone is urged to fill them out and send them back as they do affect everyone's pocketbook.

The wheat policy meetings held last week in four communities in the county while not attended by a great number of people brought out many farmers that are not generally seen at general farm meetings. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss various farm programs and how they affect everyone from the producer through consumer. Under E. R. Jackman's able leadership, these various programs were thoroughly explained and many farmers went home with a better understanding especially of our present farm program which applies the flexible system of wheat prices and the domestic parity plan which is being considered in Congress.

Wheat has been started rolling to foreign countries under the provisions of public law 480. Yugoslavia has been furnished with a purchase order for up to 8 million dollars worth of hard red winter wheat of U. S. No. 2 grade or better. The U. S. department of agriculture made the announcement of January 7th. This was the first to be issued under title No. 1 under the agricultural trade assistance act of 1954. This act provides for the exchanging of our surplus farm commodities for foreign currencies. Under the same law, Turkey will take 12 million four hundred thirty-two thousand dollars worth of wheat, oats and barley. The wheat will include any of the classes of soft or western white, soft red winter and hard red winter, U. S. Grade No. 2 or better. The grains to be exported or equivalent stocks must be purchased from the Com-

modity Credit Corporation.

For home gardeners who are concerned with converting all lawn and garden wastes into fertilizer material, a new extension bulletin "Composts for Garden Soil" is now available from this office. It explains that lawn clippings, crop refuse and the leaves from fruit and shade trees are all useful if handled properly. These composted materials can be worked into garden soil to improve their structure and fertility or they can be used as a side dressing and for the mulching for plants. Information concerning what materials are useful, the location, construction, turning and use of a compost pile are all included in the circular.

Word comes to the office that a group of Morrow county farmers are attempting to reinstate the rain program for Morrow county. The Tri-County Weather Research Organization was disbanded last month because funds for the program could not be gathered from Morrow County farmers for their share. The planned organization would call for rain making operations during March, April, May, and June. The cost would be \$5,500. Thirteen hundred dollars of this have been contributed by two farmers leaving \$4200 to raise before March 1st. This amount divided among the three hundred wheat farmers in Morrow county would amount to \$14.00 each.



The next ten weeks of legislature will be the hot spot of this year's segment of the 1956 election campaign.

Here at the Capitol the '56 campaign lines are as visible as they were the day before the '54 election. Republicans are bombarding Democrats with bills, memorials and resolutions that are loaded with political dynamite

and the Democrats are firing right back with the same brand of ammunition.

If you want to know about both political parties and how they are being piloted, just watch the legislative news. The public is going to learn of the vulnerable spots in both party programs while the Republicans and Democrats in the legislature are scrapping for keeps.

Bills have been introduced that would have the attorney general (now elected) appointed by the governor. Others would abolish the Department of Finance; have the governor appoint a one-man tax commission to take the place of the three tax commissioners who now give special attention to their divisions and are appointed by the board of control (governor, secretary of state and state treasurer); take the motor vehicle department from the Secretary of State and make a special department with heads appointed by the governor.

WHO CAN BEAT MORSE?
Who is the strongest Republican candidate to put up against Sen. Wayne Morse?

These 13 words have plagued GOP leaders since last November's election when Republicans all over the country were watching U. S. Senator Guy Cordon loose his seat and control of the U. S. Senate for his party.

Altho the next election for an Oregon U. S. Senator is 22 months away both political parties are running scared as President Eisenhower advised Republicans to do last Summer.

Paul Patterson has had the most publicity during the past year and is generally expected to be a candidate for U. S. Senator. He is the first governor to succeed from the presidency of the senate and be elected. His victory over Secretary of State Earl T. Newby was almost two to one but that does not establish him as a vote getter nor does his heavy majority over Sen. Joe Carson in November. In both races his opposition was blanked out in all but three of Oregon's 125 newspapers. That will never happen again, according to reports from editors who supported him.

Congressman Walter Norblad is sending out press stories about his vote-getting abilities. Former Senate President William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, is considered the strongest platform candidate, and that's what it takes to keep up with Morse. His Lincoln-

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

"Let George Do It" has long appeared prevailing philosophy at 10 Downing Street, London.

Fight in current Congress over wrecking U. S. tariff protection for independent American business, labor and agriculture got big push about two years ago when Downing Street coined slogan "Trade, Not Aid."



All kinds and titles of English officials deplore materialistic crassness of U. S. Congressmen refusing to open U. S. for flood of cheap products. To be sure Rep. Dan Reed, (Rep. N. Y.) who almost single handedly stopped drive last session will never be considered as a Knight of the Garter, or even a Knight of the Suspender.

All anyone needs do to penetrate British "free trade" smoke screen is secure from Irish Consul list of English import duties on Irish goods.

England depends on food imports. Bulk of imports from across Irish Sea is farm produce. Yet despite need for Irish food, England slaps a duty on Irish imports.

About two years ago Washington tried to give England surplus butter for only paying shipping charges of 5 cents per pound. But despite being eager recipients of billion in U. S. aid Britain turned offer down. That was due to fact England has rigged deal with Denmark to take Danish butter at British controlled prices, and Denmark takes British made goods. A flood of free American butter would upset this appeacari. So

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England saw American aid continuation leading to embarrassing situations. Thus slogan "Trade, Not Aid" was coined in cartel controlled nation without least idea of free trade.

In current tariff wrecking drive Administration is supported not only by England, but also by a few big steel, motor and rubber firms in U. S. with plants all over world who would like to flood U. S. with products of these plants made by near slave labor.

It is impossible to predict battle's outcome. Administration seeks extension of Reciprocal Trade act giving Administration power to slash protective tariffs. This contradicts Section 8, Article 1 of U. S. Constitution specifically stipulating it is exclusive duty of Congress to establish tariffs.

About 20 years ago Congress threw away this Constitutional power. Since then both foods imports and U. S. farm surpluses have increased.

This is not a partisan fight. Many in both parties even question legality of Congress signing away its stipulated Constitutional powers; some even feel Congressmen who have voted for Reciprocal Trade act violated oath to uphold Constitution.

This is a moot technical point, but a three-administration experience with Reciprocal Trade Acts proves following point.

The more than 500 members of Congress, in close contact with their local economies, are better equipped to withstand British salesmanship than small Administration group whose chief advisors are State Department "experts" far more familiar with economy of Bengazi, Libya than that of Dubuque, Iowa.

que appearance fits too.

Another prospective of the Walsh type is former Senator Phillip S. Hitchcock, now with Reed College. He is not just setting on the sidelines.

Young and photogenic Senator Mark Hatfield, Salem, has been given the OK by very big Republicans in Washington. He was recently named the junior first citizen of Salem.

Senator Rudie Wilhelm, Jr. must have friends in the newspaper business. We have noticed statements in the press boosting the former Speaker of the House for the U. S. Senate.

NEW BILLS BRIEFED

The following digest is of bills introduced last week or in the formative stage:

For state inspection of slaughter

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times January 29, 1925

Extension of the loan service of the Wool Growers' Service Corporation on a large scale throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho beginning January 1, was announced recently by Secretary J. F. Sears.

Bert Palmateer, W. F. Palmateer and H. O. Ely were business visitors in Heppner Tuesday from Morgan.

Three of Heppner's people celebrated their birthdays on Monday, January 26th, their ages ranging from 11 to 83 years. These were Crockett Kirk, Gay N. Anderson and Jeanette Turner.

A crank for a Buick was lost between Clark's service station and Skinner creek about three weeks since. Finder please leave, same at this office.

R. A. Thompson of Heppner arrived in sunny Cecil on Tuesday with a large band of ewes which will be fed at the Shephard's Rest until after the lambing season.

DISABLED?

So many people have been ill. The last month or so! It's a shame to suffer so and have it cost them dough!

Bills for Doctors and medicine maybe, nursing & Hospital. If it's the breadwinner whose sick,

Then income is cut as well.

Disability Income Ins. helps Replace the income lost. Before you're laid up by illness. Do investigate the cost.

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tion in July, 1959. To increase taxes on incomes of more than \$7,000 a year.

LOBBYISTS "THIRD HOUSE"

At the end of the second week of the 48th Oregon Legislature there were 84 lobbyists registered by their organization. In another week there will be more lobbyists than legislators.

Roy Meyers, dean of lobbyists will not be here this session to conduct the "Third House" extravaganza, as he has done for many years. He may leave his Eagle Creek home long enough to come to the Capitol to tune things up as they should be.

Estes Snedcor has been branded to do the "Third House" burlesque this year. He first saw the funny side of the legislature when as a lad his father brought him to the old Capitol. That was when dad was a prominent legislator in 1933.

AT IT AGAIN

The biannual railroad freight rate freeze bill is again making its appearance before the Oregon State Legislature. This has been a constant program of the trucks and barges for a long time. Much valuable time, at the expense of the state, has been consumed every two years by a privileged group of transportation agencies. These agencies attempt to pass laws affecting their competitors, the railroads, which would cause them to charge a greater amount for their services. By freezing the minimum intrastate rates of the

railroads at high levels, the trucks and barges would be able to cut in and, thereby, take business away from the railroads.

These truck and barge people say that the only thing they are trying to do is have the Public Utilities Commissioner of the state of Oregon make these rates. But the fact is, that when the railroads attempt to make reductions in freight rates they are subject to long delays, some lasting as long as two years. The above is the experience that the shippers and railroads are experiencing in interstate commerce at the present moment. The Interstate Commerce Commission has minimum rate control for both interstate and intrastate movements of railroad freight. Any further burdens on the shippers and railroads would eventually dry up the business of the railroads and the government would be taking the traffic away from the railroads and giving it to the trucks on the highway.

Our government has been built upon free enterprise and the right to compete. That means, simply, that no transportation agency should prosper at the expense of its competitor. Minimum rate control means higher rates to the shippers. It is about time that government got out of business.

Senator Lowell Steen from Umatilla County is spearheading this bill for the trucks and bar-

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Admission Price: Adults 70c. Students 50c. Children 20c. including federal Excise Tax. Sunday shows start at 2 p. m. Shows every other evening starting at 7:30. Boxoffice open until 9 p. m.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, January 27-28-29

YELLOW TOMAHAWK

Rory Calhoun, Peggie Castle, Noah Beery. Good western in color.

Plus GERALDINE

John Carroll and Mala Powers in a cute musical comedy.

Sunday-Monday, January 30-31

SABRINA

Audrey Hepburn, William Holden, Humphrey Bogart. A gay and beguiling movie, combining the talents of four Academy Award winners—the 3 stars and producer-director Billy Wilder.

Sunday shows start at 2 p. m.

Tuesday-Wednesday, February 1-2

THIS IS YOUR ARMY

This new color documentary presents a report on the army, its soldiers, its leaders, its weapons, to the people of the United States.

Plus PUSHOVER

Fred MacMurray, Phil Carey, Kim Kovak and Dorothy Malone, in a taut, tingling story of temptation.