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## Presto! An Editorial

(Editor's note—The following editorial was printed last week in the twice-weekly Redmond Spokesman and the thought therein coincides with ours on occasion. You will notice that this writer is in the same position this week, so took one of the easy ways out as mentioned below. We "borrowed" this one.)

With things so dull the wolf at our door is working part time and that without guarantee of remuneration the editorial department finds itself at a loss for worthwhile subject. However, its combined genius prepared the following treatise on editorials which it hopes you accept in lieu of more meaty reflection.

Once upon a time some surly individual rolled out of the sack to discover his private little hell in a state of disorder, and failing to brighten the future with coffee and cigarettes, snarled "something oughta be done about it".

Presto, editorials! An editorial, says Mr. Webster, is a leading article in a newspaper published as an expression of the views of the person or persons in control. Right, Mr. Webster, as far as it goes.

Where do editorials originate? Depends on whether the guy you asked liked the last one he read. The publisher of a semi-weekly newspaper has a choice of writing his own, buying them from a syndicate, clipping them from other newspapers, or forgetting them entirely. Since the publisher may also double in brass as reporter, advertising solicitor, circulation manager, printer's devil and latrine orderly, it's not hard to understand why his editorial efforts aren't always gems of wisdom and/or profundity. The semi-weekly attempts to choose only home-grown subjects, and subsequently finds itself severely handicapped in producing negotiable material. Like now, for instance.

Any editorial writer but a hypocrite firmly believes the typewriter is mightier than the tank. While he may not wholly agree with Charles Dudley Warner that "public opinion is stronger than

the legislature and nearly as strong as the Ten Commandments," he is certain that every democracy must have an enlightened and responsible citizenry. The editorial page, he contends, is a contributing factor to this Utopian state.

An editorial is a journalistic essay that interprets the news, and exists only because of the widespread belief that once people recognize and understand the problem, they will eventually make a wise decision in choosing a solution. The page provides the publisher his greatest opportunity to prove he is not a "cash register custodian," but a "keeper of the public conscience." Reason combats error on the editorial page and lends strength to those who insist that right, not might; reason, not ignorance; truth, not falsehood; moral strength, not brute force, will prevail in a democracy.

Like pitchers, editorial writers rely on a change of pace to be effective. By varying his high hard one with casual essays on blueberry pie and black-eyed Susans, hairpins and hope chests, feminine foibles and masculine mendacity, the writer attempts to keep his readers interested and alert. An editorial doesn't have to instruct, it can also entertain.

Every newspaper has an editorial policy. Sometimes it is printed in boldface caps, sometimes carried as an agate afterthought, sometimes known only to the publishers. The Spokesman believes that all Americans have the right to their own opinion and also a right to convince others of its merits.

There are several ways to skin a cat, and we prefer a "turneth away wrath" approach to the argumentative assault that looses hellfire and brimstone on the undefended head of our target. We abhor jellyfish journalism and shun neutrality, but sometimes inspiration and encouragement, commendation and appreciation are more effective than denouncement and condemnation.

The Spokesman turns its cheek. Why, even in a week like this, when all the world looks like Lower Slobbovia and even the mailmen consider reneging on their oath, we wouldn't take more than a small bite out of the weather man.



## SLANTS FROM THE SESSION

By Mrs. C. A. Tom  
(Mrs. C. A. Tom, wife of this district's state representative, this week starts a column of lighter news from the state legislature. It will be presented frequently during the session.)

(SALEM)—The wheels of government are sometimes slow to put in motion. It is to be hoped that by the time this column reaches print the wheels of the Oregon Legislature will have begun to turn in earnest. With thirty-two new members in the House of Representatives the committees are shouldering their heavy work load with caution.

thrifty senators who spent so much time deciding on a senate president instead of spending two million dollars a day of state funds.

**POLITICAL PERSONALITIES**  
JOHN HORTON, Idaho Power Co. attorney of Baker and Phillip Hitchcock are frequent "co-politickers" around the Capital lobby. Hitchcock has been making many public addresses recently—most of them in the first congressional district. This has started political rumors that he may be a ready-to-jump the Washington, D. C. homestead claim of Congressman Walter Norblad. Horton won his kingmaker medal in private power circles with an 11th hour charge against Al Ullman in the second congressional district in the 1954 political campaign which elected Sam Coon.

The trick ricocheted in 1956 to put Ullman in Congress and leave Coon home.

The refusal of Hitchcock to withdraw from the 1956 primary race and leave Doug McKay a clear field will cost him the die-hard Republican vote, if he decides to run against Norblad for the Republican nomination in 1958.

**TWO MILLION A DAY**  
The two senate teams—15 Republican and 15 Democrats—each fixated with a fix that they must have a senate president of their choice, have been costing the taxpayers of the state approximately \$5,000 a day in legislative expense.

But that is only one way of looking at it.

Legislative appropriations and expenditures during the past decade have been increasing at a rate of 22 per cent a session in Oregon. The 1955 legislature appropriated an average of more than two million dollars a day. If the Senate had organized the first day the present session could have spent \$22,100,000 in the time they were fanning for a president.

Oregon taxpayers should have the highest regard for the thirty

The Senate stalemate has a depressing effect on the whole body. As a spectator to some of the Senate's struggles to get itself organized my mind went back to Alice in Wonderland. I finally appreciated the difficulty Alice had trying to understand the rules of the caucus race in the rabbit hole.

This column, however, is not going to attempt to concern itself with political maneuverings. I will try to bring you items about the people who make up the forth-ninth legislative assembly, interesting sidelights and maybe a little social news.

It is the usual practice for many wives to work as their husbands' secretaries. In addition this session we have among our ranks in the House two daughters, one niece and one young man who has taken a term away from college to serve as his brother's secretary.

There is at the moment a bit of unhappiness stemming from a remark made by a new representative. The gentleman in question informed the newspapers that while his wife would serve as his secretary she did not intend to draw salary. Some of the other wives feel that this puts them in an unfair position in the eyes of the public. Oregon does not yet pay her legislators enough to cover the expenses of living in Salem for an entire session. Quite a few of our men could not afford to come if it were not for their wives' salaries. The wives, therefore, want it clearly understood that while the job may be a fascinating experience it is also a financial necessity.

Fortunately, such trivial annoyances are few and far between. Most of us are grateful for the opportunity to watch government in action. Our first week wound up with an address by Dr. W. C. Menninger of the famed psychiatric clinic in Topeka, Kansas to the members of both Houses in joint session. At the conclusion of his remarks, as the members of the Senate returned to their own chamber, it was devoutly hoped by many that they might have profited from the observations of one who has made a life work of reconciling conflicts in men's minds.

**NO DRIP IN NEWS**  
The purpose of Governor Robert D. Holmes' announcements and appointments are not leaking out of his office to special sources. In times past some administration "leaks" and advance information on executive action or policies have been in the category of special privilege.

fer Brindle; vice president, Taggy Greenup; secretary, Jackie Brindle; song leader, Ann Brindle; and reporter, Larry Monagle. Our next meeting will be Feb. 3. Larry Monagle, reporter

## THE JOLLY CHEFS

The Jolly Chefs met at Sherry Corley's home January 19 at 1:30 p. m. The meeting was called to order by the president. Six girls were present.

Miss Bradshaw distributed the record pamphlets and explained how to use them.

The cooking II girls prepared potato soup. Mrs. Baker demonstrated how to make baking powder biscuits and quick cinnamon rolls for the cooking III girls.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Marilyn Morgan after school January 30.

Marilyn Morgan, reporter.

## THE TEENAGE STITCHERS

Our all day meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Louis Carlson, leader.

Miss Bradshaw helped us fit our garments. Judy Morgan and Linda Hams were unable to be present. Our next all day meeting will be held Jan. 26 at the same place.

## NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF THE COUNTY COURT, DATED January 10, 1957, I am authorized and directed to advertise and sell at public auction at not less than the minimum price herein set forth:

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## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Herbert and Robert Peterson in the Gooseberry community recently planned windbreaks for their homes at the Henry Peterson farm. The windbreaks will be of two rows and will be fifteen hundred feet long. While the demand for trees is great this year due to the soil bank program there are still some trees available from the Oregon Forestry nursery. Commercial nurseries are also running low on stock so anyone planning tree planting this spring should get their trees ordered soon.

Marketing quotas, reinforced with export subsidies, and the soil bank, are reducing wheat supplies. Also in the picture are promotion, dry weather in the southwest, and a short crop in Europe. Compared to last year, plantings of winter wheat for harvest in 1957 are 7% smaller in Oregon and 17% smaller in the nation.

The sale catalog for the Red Bluff bull sale which claims to be the largest, highest quality range bull sale in America is out. In looking through the catalog we find listed among the 544 entries Kirk and Robinson of Heppner. Don has consigned three polled and one horned bull for this sale which will be held at Red Bluff, California on February 7, 8, and 9.

For readers of the Oregon agricultural Progress a correction is to be made in the new issue recently mailed to farmers who have asked for this quarterly publication on up to date research at Oregon State college. A correction should be made on page 5 and is such that it

makes the example used practically useless unless a correction is made. Here is the corrected paragraph as it should have appeared in the magazine. "With these ratios, you can predict which nitrogen rate will return the most. For example, let's say wheat prices increase to \$2.40 a bushel, harvesting cost remain the same—25 cents per bushel, and nitrogen cost are the same 12 cents a pound. \$0.12/\$2.15—.05, or the 80 pound rate. 80 pounds is .049 the nearest to .05). Again available cash and type of tenancy agreement are important.

Some time ago we reminded readers of this column that two important meetings would be coming up soon. They are the annual meetings of the Heppner and Boardman Soil Conservation Districts. The Heppner Soil Conservation District will hold its annual meeting at the Lexington Grange hall on Tuesday evening January 29 while the Boardman district will hold their annual meeting at the Greenfield Grange hall in Boardman on January 30. Both have scheduled Dr. Burton Wood, head of the agricultural economics department at Oregon State college. Those who have heard Dr. Wood speak will not miss being to these meetings. Dr. Wood has a unique way in presenting a subject which is sometimes "dry" when presented by other economists. Title of his talks will be "Agrabusiness and Conservation" and "There is still some life left in Old Nell". At the Heppner district meeting a panel on conservation promises to bring

out many thought provoking questions. The meeting gets under way at 7:30 p. m. for the Heppner district and at 11:00 a. m. for the Boardman district.

Newest 4-H livestock club is the Hinton Butler Creek club organized last Friday evening. Officers of the new club are president, Jennifer Brindle; vice president, Terry Greenup; secretary, Jacquelyn Brindle; song leader, Annamaria Brindle and news reporter, Larry Monagle. Other members are Billy Monagle. Leaders are Bob Brindle and Don Greenup. Projects carried by the club members are sheep and swine.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times January 27, 1927  
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner were in from their farm home on Tuesday, having succeeded in breaking a road out to the highway.

John Bush, theater man of Vernonia, Oregon, was a visitor here over Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kirk.

John Skuzeski, tailor, will go to Portland on Sunday to attend the convention of tailors held in that city.

Tuesday evening a number of upper classmen of the high school staged a sleighing party at the home of Joy and Harold Erwin. Those present were Miss Miller, Miss Fishel, Miss Wilson, Edna Vaughn, Mae Doherty, Margaret Smith, Florence Bergstrom, Patricia Mahoney, Eva Hiatt, Mae Groshens, Mary Ritchie, Gerald Slocum, Joe Bronnan, Robert Turner, Ellis Thomson, Onez Parker, John Turner, Gene Doherty and Delvin Adkins.

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