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The Senator Has a Point

More often than not this column has been critical of Sen. Richard Neuberger when we have had occasion to comment on his activities. This time, we are in agreement with a bill he has introduced to remove tobacco from the list of agricultural "basics" and bring to an end subsidy payments on this crop.

The senator's reasons and our support of his bill do not coincide, however.

Sen. Neuberger contends that his reason for removing tobacco from the list of subsidy crops is because it contributes to cancer of the lungs. Our desire for wanting the removal of subsidies for this particular crop is because tobacco is not a food and never should have been subsidized any more than products of the flower grower, pleasure boat manufacturer or movie producer. They are products strictly in the luxury class and of no nutritional value.

It will be interesting to listen to the uproar that is bound to ensue if the bill ever comes up for debate. Southern senators and representatives, whose constituents are made up of thousands of large and small tobacco growers, will haggle, scream filibuster and threaten.

Sounds from the cloak-rooms of congress will resemble those of hundreds of tobacco auctioneers in action. It is likely that compromise will be reached to again make tobacco farmers an important part of the nation's agriculture and the

cigaret companies "America's darlings of philanthropy and entertainment sponsors."

Cigaret manufacturers are the ones who have been getting away with murder—all legally of course—simply because there are enough of us suckers who continue to puff our way to possible ill health in spite of warning from many sectors.

—Gate City Journal, Nyssa

Odd Ends

Senator Morse pretty well showed his colors Tuesday when he refused to allow postponement of Congressional discussion of the civil rights bill so that other important legislation might be considered. When the accusation was made a few weeks ago that he made a deal with southern Democrats to get a senate vote on the Hells Canyon bill, he hotly denied there was any politics mixed up in the thing. This most recent action of the Senator's again proves that with him politics comes first.

It's the same old story . . . the hell with the country, save Wayne Morse!

We've seen several stories lately about the lack of tourists, or at least their dollars, in Oregon this summer. All that's needed to refute such statements is a little trip on any of the state's major highways. There must be two out-of-state cars to every Oregon license anywhere you want to look. They're here, and if we can't get some of their money, it's our own fault, not theirs.

Monument News

By MARTHA MATTESSON

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Croker and son Ronnie drove to Salem Saturday morning to take Jim's two nephews home after a visit of two weeks here.

Mr. McVay, one of the high school teachers, was here for the weekend from his home in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hinton and Mary Ella were in Friday night and Saturday from the Mand R. logging camp on Butter creek.

Gerald Slocum trucked 140 head of cattle to Hermiston last week, to the sales yard.

Freida Wheeler and children were in John Day Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bastien and three daughters of Camp 5, Kinzua, spent Sunday visiting at the Matteson home.

Jack Cavenders have their children home after they spent two months in the valley with their grandparents.

E. E. Howell drove to Heppner Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boyer and three children left Thursday for a trip through Salem, Roseburg and the coast.

Bids are to be let August 2 on the new gym to be built here on

the site of the one that burned down in January.

Jimmy Waldorf of Prineville, a Monument high school graduate of 1955, will leave for training August 1. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Waldorf who ran the Dude ranch on the old Bales ranch.

Herbert Archibald of California has been hired to teach music in the Long Creek, Monument and Dayville schools for the coming year. He will serve as band and glee club instructor.

Ellen Stubblefield writes that she is getting along fine and will be on her feet this fall to work again. She is in a Portland hospital.

Two car wrecks near Monument in 24 hours. One car from Mitchell was above the Crisman place and the other one from Portland near Cottonwood school house, one person was badly hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams and daughters from Orofino, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Raine of Pasco, Wash. spent the weekend here with the Dick Williams family. Mrs. Raine is the mother of Dick and Lee Williams. Pat Williams is staying for a longer visit with her uncle Dick and family.

Mamie Fererson spent the weekend in John Day visiting her son and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rounds spent

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette Times, August 4, 1927

The insurance business of C. A. Minor was taken over by Frank Turner the first of the month.

A building used as a storehouse and woodshed on the premises of Emil Grotkopp just across the May street bridge, was totally destroyed by fire, together with the contents on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Clowry returned this week from a seven weeks vacation spent in the east.

L. H. Frederickson, formerly of Lexington garage, is the new mechanic at Ferguson Chevrolet Co. garage in this city.

F. B. Nickerson and family and Dr. A. D. McMurdo and family took their departure for Hiway Springs Wednesday where they will have an outing of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney and daughter Patricia, departed for Portland on Wednesday to spend a few days in the city.

Saturday in John Day on business.

TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEK
Jim Croker drove to John Day Wednesday on business for his garage.

Mrs. Fred Paige was here from the coast for two or three days. She owns a small ranch and four houses that she rents.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead Gilman, Jr. and three children were here from Seattle for a week visiting his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Mead Gilman, Sr.

Among the many who were in John Day Friday for the polo shots were Clenta Mellor and three children, Mrs. Ross McDonald and daughter, Caroline Martin, Thelma Williams and two sons, John Taylor, Stella McCarty and three children, Nestle Davis and three children, and Darrell Farrens drove the school bus over, full of children.



Recently there has been considerable stir among state motor vehicle officials over speed regulations in Oregon, or the lack of them.

All of the three branches of state government are exercised over the situation and many are enrapt in study, research and cogitation. Legislators feel the heavy responsibility, executive

The Roy Bowman family returned home after spending some time in the valley and in Washington at the Earl Sweek home.

Mrs. Grace Stirritt went to John Day Saturday morning to the home of her sister; her husband George and Fred Shank drove her there. She left from John Day, with her sister, Mrs. Iffie Stewart, for Klamath Falls to visit another sister, whose husband is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Settle went to Pendleton Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Gilman of Mt. Vernon visited at the Bill Settle home on Saturday, then spent the evening at their son's ranch.

Lee Slocum and Maynard Hamilton made a business trip to Heppner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Lippert and son are here from California for a visit and Mr. Lippert is helping Frank King with the haying in the basin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fleming and Shirley Cox and daughter were at the Joe Mellor home Sunday from their work around Heppner. Mrs. Jessie Scott of Long Creek came down Saturday afternoon to get her son Robert Dale, who spent ten days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Matteson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mellor and three children spent Saturday evening visiting in Long Creek.

officials and judges are actively interested

Rough lines have been drawn with extremes reaching from those who would continue efforts against highway murder with the present laws and penalties, to those who were one-time called "crackdowners".

This all started when state police from three states—Illinois, Arizona and California—recently criticized Oregon's lack of laws fixing a definite speed limit.

Whenever the Legislature has considered an enactment with teeth for real restraint of willful drivers they soon heard from the hometown boys.

In a committee meeting in 1955 a legislator put it so:

"When a judge throws the book at a flagrant violator he loses a lot of votes at his try for reelection.

"Whenever a cop pinches a motor vehicle law violator that he knows is guilty he also realizes that he is also gambling on wasted effort in seeing the hood dismissed, free, cocky and ready and wilfully to take a chance at more stupid crimes. What the public wants is safety."

One-car accidents accounted for 64 traffic fatalities in 1955 but jumped to 99 last year, an increase of 55 percent. Injuries nearly doubled with 754 in 1955 and 1,455 in 1956.

There was a slight improvement in only one of 16 types of highway accidents in 1956.

Many people who have given much study to the lowering of highway murders believe present laws inadequate.

The Legislative Interim committee on this subject is going to have a busy little interim before

the 1959 session rolls around.

Gagwise, the drop could be among the many 50-year-old-trodden Democratic candidates for whom life now looks brighter.

Give'm The Gun

The 53 pedestrian deaths in Oregon last year proves that drivers cannot be taught to regard human life and suffering.

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OUR SERVICE MAN

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TO THE EDITOR . . .

Heppner, Oregon

I was born near the town of Heppner

To me its very dear

A progressive town of the old days

And the trading pioneer.

Where the sheep-king and the cattle-men

Bought supplies by the load and ton,

And planned ahead their ranch supplies

Before the year was done.

When prices soared, they made again

The long, long trip to town,

For this was Oregon country

A country of renown.

Over the vast country-side

The herds roam free

To spend the long sunny hours

Searching for the green grass

Amid the mountain flowers

In early spring when in great haste

The South winds come and go

Sweeping away the winter ice

And melting all the snow

Sending the raging mountain streams

To the valleys below.

Brushing clean each tree and root,

This is called an Oregon chinook,

Winter is gone, no more snow and sleet

And the fragrant meadows are dotted

With the wandering sheep.

My home was near the mountains

Where the mountains are always "Blue",

"Land of the Umatillas in 1882".

My home was on a creek called Rhea

Where mountain streams are swift and cold

And on their way

This was many years ago

When the West was wild and free

And still each familiar scene

Brings dear memories to me.

By Nellie Smith
275 S. Jefferson
Colville, Wash.

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Istanbul

Songs by Nat "King" Cole, and
a good cast. FAMILY NIGHT