

'Tax Rate' Singled Out As Problem by Advisory Committee

(See Story on Page 1) Oregon's "high tax rate" was singled out as one of the major problems facing the Medford area at yesterday's luncheon meeting of the citizens advisory committee to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce "Keep Pace With Tomorrow" program.

to other problems, as standing in the way of the community's progress.

They suggested that it was difficult to induce new industries to move into a "high tax situation."

Mayor Presides
Mayor John Snider presided at the meeting, held at the Rogue Valley Country club, and asked some of the guests to voice their off-the-cuff opinions as to what the chamber's program should try to accomplish.

Some of the suggestions were:
State Representative Evelyn Nye—"Taxes are the biggest problem we have to overcome."

State Senator Dr. Edwin Durno—"Medford is a wonderful place and we should tell people about it. We should beautify the city with shrubs and flowers and pave and curb some of our 'asphalt trails.'"

Robert Duncan, speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives—"We should make sure that the chamber of commerce represents everyone. It should expand its geographic and occupational bases and enlist the support of the laboring man and people of differing political beliefs. To enlist new businesses and industry we should emphasize the affirmative aspects of Oregon rather than concentrating on its defects. We basically have good roads, a good school system and a good institutional program. The tax field in the last few years has been improving."

Diversified Industry
Otto Ewaldsen, businessman—"We should look for diversified industry that will suit itself to our geography, such as electronics industries. But the big problem, state-wide, is one of taxes."

Frank Bash, businessman—"So far industry has come to us because we've lacked the money to go to them. Now we have a chance to take the initiative."

Tony Lausmann, businessman—"We need a public relations program. Every civic, business, and professional group should tell its story to the people of Jackson county."

Jennings Pierce, businessman—"We should tell people more about the chamber of commerce and we should get a home for the chamber. A community of our affluence shouldn't have a chamber of commerce that tourists can't even find."

Louis Armstrong Showing Signs Of Improvement

Spoleto, Italy—(UPI)—Louis Armstrong appeared to be responding to treatment today and his doctor said the best thing would be to get him back to New York as soon as possible.

The 59-year-old jazz king, hospitalized with bronchial pneumonia, heart trouble and body swelling, flashed his famous smile and was as cheerful as he could be Thursday night.

A reporter had told his fiancée, Dr. Alexander Schick, that it had been rumored the famed trumpet player had died.

"Well come take a look," Schick said.

"Just Dandy"
Mrs. Armstrong woke her sleeping husband with a gentle kiss.

"How do you feel, honey?" she asked as she propped him up on two pillows.

"I feel just dandy, just dandy," flashed Satchmo.

The doctor said Armstrong was "getting better. His temperature is slightly above normal."

It had shot up to 102 Thursday after a relapse but he responded to treatment later in the day.

"We would like to get him back to New York as soon as possible," said the doctor. "We will watch him closely for the next few days and when he is better he will go back to Rome and then hop on a fast jet for New York."

BANKER GETS SCALE
Chicago—(UPI)—Mrs. Max L. Baughman asked for a divorce from her banker husband. She said he makes \$18,000 a year but makes her pay him union rates for painting, waxing floors or other odd jobs around the house.



AT CENTENNIAL—The Everly Brothers, shown above, will be among performers in the Country America show at the Oregon Centennial Exposition arena in Portland June 28 through July 5. The rural extravaganza is expected to have the largest group of country and western stars ever assembled for one production.

'Playhouse 90' Makes Rather Unhappy Choice In 'Second Happiest Day'

By WILLIAM EWALD
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New York—(UPI)—CBS-TV's Playhouse 90 declared its reason for the regular season with "The Second Happiest Day," a rather unhappy choice.

The play, adapted by Steven Gethers from a novel by John Phillips (he's William Ewald John Marquand's son) was a curious hybrid: A mixture of Scott Fitzgerald type people and Marquand point of view.

What's more, it received some curious performances—an inadequate one by Margaret O'Brien, a very solid one by Judith Anderson, a woeful one by Fay Wray and a see-saw one by Tony Randall. Randall bore the brunt of the proceedings and passed on the uneven—at some points, particularly an early drunk scene, he was excellent; during other key moments, a crying bit, the love scenes, he was off-target.

To compound the difficulty, the drama's dialogue was weirdly teeter-totter. Many of its lines had crisp and bounce, many more were embarrassing: "He shot himself right through the guts he never had." "He's lost... like me." To a man going to the piano—"You play something soft while I drink something hard."

Adolescent Fantasy
The play itself trembled on the lip of adolescent fantasy: Young man rocketing to the top job, joining the top set, snaring the top girl, all without much more talent than the knack of insulting the wrong people. A bid was made to retrieve the play's innards by giving it an ironic twist, but I found the irony rather incredible, too.

I should tack on one final note about a love scene between Miss O'Brien and Randall about midway through. It was... well, I really don't know what to say... except that it wasn't.

Rat Bites Fatal To New York Boy
New York—(UPI)—A three-month-old boy died Thursday of multiple bites from a rat or rats which invaded his carriage in his mother's kitchen.

The city health department said it was the first death ever recorded as resulting from rat bites, although 262 bite cases have been reported so far this year.

The infant, Richard Fox, died of shock resulting from the bites less than an hour after his mother had been awakened by his screams.

Discoverer IV Satellite Fails To Go in Orbit

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.—(UPI)—Air Force scientists may disclose today why Discoverer IV failed to place in orbit a satellite which its launchers hoped to recover from space for the first time.

Scientists presume that after no radio signals had been picked up by tracking stations, Discoverer IV burned up as it hit the dense atmosphere. A similar fate occurred June 3 to Discoverer III, which carried mice in its capsule.

Thor Sent Aloft
At Cape Canaveral Thursday night the Air Force sent an intermediate range Thor ballistic missile on a blazing flight toward a target area in the Atlantic 1,500 miles away.

Unlike the Discoverer launched at Vandenberg, which failed in its objective of orbiting the earth, the Canaveral Thor was a single-stage vehicle which was supposed to hurl its nose cone 1,500 miles across the Atlantic. The target was a circular area of ocean near Wantigua Island in the West Indies. The Air Force did not disclose results of the test.

Gathered Speed
The seven-story high rocket rose slowly from its pad at 2:47 p.m. (P.S.T.) and then gathered speed. It looked like a vanishing, upsidedown Roman candle as flame roared from its tail and it headed southward into an intended polar orbit.

"The main thing we want to do is recover one of these things," a spokesman said. "It's strictly a hardware test."

Two previous Discoverer shots failed to return so-called life capsules to earth.

Grange News
Sams Valley Grange will hold a regular meeting Saturday, June 27, at 8:30 p.m. All officers are asked to be present. This will be the annual visitation meeting. All ladies attending are asked to bring cookies. The Grange will furnish ice cream and coffee.

Bermuda was an important base for British ships blockading the Atlantic coast of the U.S. during the War of 1812.

Local Youths Named To Posts in Boys State at Corvallis

A complete list of offices held by area boys who attended the American Legion Beaver Boys' State held last week at Oregon State college, Corvallis, has been received.

One of the local boys, Jere Randolph, St. Mary's High school, was elected secretary of state during the final sessions. Elected governor was Dick Miller, Hillsboro, and other state officers were Greg Payne, Portland, state treasurer; Denny Crowe, Hood River, attorney general; George Putz, Portland, superintendent of public instruction; and Jim Zeek, Waldport, labor commissioner.

The boys were first divided into 10 cities and area boys elected to city offices included, Applegate, Kirby Fox, mayor; Whitman, Ray Kono-pasek, recorder; Miller, Jim Schmidt and Nathan Parrish, councilmen; Lewis, Pat McLaughlin and Burton Deakins, councilmen; Meek, Sam Knudsen, Talent, councilman; and McLoughlin, Jere Randolph, St. Mary's, mayor; Tom Tomjack, St. Mary's, treasurer.

Receiving party nomination for state office but defeated in the election were: Doug Kliever, labor commissioner; and Pat McLaughlin, superintendent of public instruction.

State officers were inaugurated at ceremonies in Salem. Gov. Mark O. Hatfield was on the reviewing stand for a parade prior to the event held in the state capitol.

A joint session of the legislature was presided over by last year's governor and Gerald Vice, Medford, one of the junior counselors for the session, who was first citizen.

ISSUES AMNESTY
Beirut, Lebanon—(UPI)—Iraqi Premier Gen. Abdel Karim Kassem Thursday night issued an amnesty to all "villagers and tribesmen in the mountainous areas of Iraq" who had engaged in anti-government activities.

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Wagon Caravan Reaches Cokeville

Cokeville, Wyo.—(UPI)—The covered wagons of the Oregon Centennial wagon train negotiated the steep trail from Dempsey Basin to Cokeville, Wyo., Thursday. Rough locks made of a piece of channel iron placed under the wheels, were used to prevent the wagons from speeding out of control.

The caravan was traveling historic Sublette cut-off, a short-cut from the Little Colorado Desert to Fort Hall, Idaho.

The road drops 2,000 feet in elevation in about one-half mile. All wagons made the descent without mishap and rolled on to a campsite in Cokeville, population 400.

A band of Indians attacked the wagons as the members were preparing for supper. The band of scantily-clad redskins wearing warpaint and carrying lethal looking weapons, were beaten off. Wagonmaster Tex Serpa said they could be one of several bands of white renegades the wagons had encountered during the trip. It was later learned they were a group of youths from Cokeville High school.

The caravan was scheduled to reach Idaho today and head for Montpelier where a second load of mail was to be picked up and carried to Oregon.

Tigard Sanitation Chief Wins Award

Miami Beach, Fla.—(UPI)—Verne C. Reiersen, Tigard sanitation chief for the Oregon State Board of Health, was named winner of the 1959 Walter S. Mangold award as the nation's outstanding sanitarian at ceremonies here Thursday.

The award was presented at the 23rd annual banquet of the National Association of Sanitarians' educational conference.

Reiersen has been with the Oregon State Board since 1946. He is a past president of the Oregon Public Health association, Oregon Association of Sanitarians, and a past regional vice president of the National Association of Sanitarians.

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