

Editorial Views and Discussions

THEY'D RATHER WORK

A total of 17 thousand visits in seven months. It sounds staggering, but that is the record of the number of calls that were made at the Hood River Re-employment office from March to September, inclusive, in 1938. Seventeen thousand, and that doesn't take in the month of October when calls at the office would naturally be most numerous.

What were the calls? Mostly applications for jobs. If jobs are not to be had, then the visitor inquires about insurance. Mrs. Jimmie Catherwood, in charge of the reemployment, announced. Practically all of the applicants prefer jobs to unemployment insurance payments, Mrs. Catherwood stated. L. D. Solomonson, in charge of this office, has made similar observations.

It is reassuring to learn that locally, anyway, the charge often heard, is untrue, that work relief programs and unemployment insurance rob participants of a desire to work.

GOING CRAZY TOO FAST

Local residents, interested in public health, were this week pointing to a recent bulletin of the Oregon State Board of Health, in which Harold F. Dorn, of the United States Public Health Service, recites an alarming situation in this country in regard to rapid growth of mental disease. Number of people put in hospitals for mental disease increased more than 40 per cent from 1926 to 1936. Dr. Dorn stated. He estimates that in 1960, only 21 years hence, the number of people committed each year to a mental hospital will be twice the number so confined at the present time.

Though it is to be borne in mind that many cases receive hospitalization now that in former generations remained uncared for, the fact still remains that mental disease is growing at a rapid rate. It is not an optimistic future for parents looking to the welfare in years to come of their young boys and girls. However, they can help forestall possible later illness for their children by instilling in them ideas and habits of temperance and moderation, with a little coaching toward taking things more phlegmatically in a world that is ever-becoming more high strung, and moving each year, as do every season's new model automobiles, at an even faster pace.

AND YET NOT READY TO USE BONNEVILLE

When Administrator Ross announces that Bonneville power will be ready for delivery in Eugene by next September he means that Bonneville power will be ready for delivery in Portland before that time. The Bonneville power line will skirt Portland on the west.

But actual delivery will depend upon readiness.

The government will not be a retail distributor. The government built Bonneville dam and power plant. The government is building the transmission lines. The government may make direct contracts with industries at the dam for the sale of power at wholesale rates. But for Bonneville power to be delivered to homes or farms calls for arrangement by some agency between the government and the retail consumer. A municipality, a power district or a private utility may be that agency.

We have dreamed and talked so long about the revolutionizing effect of Bonneville upon industry and in bringing to all of us within transmission radius the benefits of abundant energy at low and use-stimulating rates, that it is difficult to realize that the day of readiness to deliver is so near. It is appalling to realize that so little has been done to make sure of readiness to receive.—Oregon Journal.

AS HIGH AS THE MOON

It fell to Quincy Scott, Oregonian cartoonist, to sum up, in graphic style, a current situation which is growing so acute, that mere words fail to picture the situation.

The U. S. debt was shown as a comet, mounting to such extremes that the man in the moon became terror-stricken as the debt reached the height of his habitat.

In years to come, the farmers, laborers, and business men in the county and householders will of necessity pay—and pay—and pay. A national debt of nearly \$40,000,000,000 is not easily retired. It figures out to be \$320 apiece for each American citizen—perhaps \$1280 per family.

Raise it in taxes? The average person now in this region is so overburdened by everything but income taxes, that he has been bowed down, then crushed, and is now being smothered by the load.

We American citizens have often wished we were the man in the moon—for he has no financial worries, no concern for crops, markets, freight rates, interest, depreciation, upkeep, or running expenses. But as Cartoonist Scott sees it, the national debt is mounting so fast and to such a great height that it is apt to knock the man in the moon from his perch.

AUTO REASONING

A judge has ordered a young WPA worker "either to sell or give away" his automobile. This was due to the fact that the man's wife testified that her husband spent most of his \$12 weekly wage on the car. We can believe this as anyone who owns a car realizes the upkeep is a major part of the family expense. Yet there is the side of the WPA worker too, for in many cases a car is necessary in securing and holding a job. It has happened many times that unemployment relief has been refused on the grounds that persons applying owned an automobile. There have been many tales of cases where families have called for relief checks and grocery supplies—in their cars. One story goes about the woman, living in the city, who called a taxi from relief headquarters as her car battery was run down. Most anyone can relate stories of cases where relief was undeserved. But the thousands of worthy cases suffer due to these fewer outstanding instances of selfishness.

It would be hard to draw the line as to who should own a car and who can afford a car. There are many families where incomes are far above relief checks and WPA salaries where wives have had to go without fall millinery and husbands without new suits, because the auto needed new tires, valves ground and a new brake lining.

POOR GRANDPA!

It may be that your Granddad never saw a movie, an airplane, or listened to a radio, or owned a modern automobile. But there is one thing on Granddad's side, he never had to wait in a barber-shop until a girl got her neck shaved, he probably never went in swimming with a lady, he didn't smoke mentholated cigarettes, have his finger-nails manicured or his toe-nails doctored. We doubt if he drank near-beer and he didn't divorce Grandma; he undoubtedly did not shoot a filling-station bandit, didn't sleep in broadcloth pajamas and was satisfied with a heated game of checkers as an active sport. But somehow, Granddad lived to a ripe old age and never knew what he was missing. He never got behind with his work on account of fishing and he was always up to scratch when it came to paying his bills. And there are a good many of the offsprings of Granddad who could profit by his example.

Try to find a parking place in a town that is no longer able to take care of its needy.

Forum . . .

Jack Travis,
Editor Bonneville Dam Chronicle,
Cascade Locks, Ore.,
Dear Sir:

It has been brought to the attention of the Royal Rattlesnakes, that your paper has been printing propaganda unfavorable to our organization. In view of this fact and in response to inquiries from the nation at large, we deem it advisable at this time to acquaint the public with the aims and purposes of our order.

The 1st Principle:

Down with everything, we're against all movements which tend to improve, elevate, cultivate, educate or constipate mankind. The underlying motive is to corrupt the morals and undermine the intelligence of the present generation.

Fraternalism: When a true Rattlesnake finds a brother in distress, he immediately steps on his neck, or makes some other gesture appropriate to the occasion, such as dropping a rock on his foot, or kicking him in the lap when his back is turned.

Membership: Applicants must not be in good standing at home (if anyone loves you, you are ineligible for membership.) Office holders, politicians and business men are by nature of their occupations automatically elected to this order.

Organization: The various offices of the order are entitled The King Snake (must be able to whip all Rattlesnakes); Big Diamond Back (makes most noise); Mountain Rattler (does the most damage); Garter Snake (investigates new members); Snake in the Grass (financial Secretary); Water Snakes, (members in good standing the day after each meeting.)

Ladies Auxiliary, now being organized, will be known as The Real Snakes.

The symbol of the order is the Hangman's noose. Every member must endeavor to become familiar with it and its uses.

National Headquarters: Cascade Locks, Ore.

Dues: Twenty-five cents per year (in advance).

Business Address: Royal Rattlesnakes, Cascade Locks, Ore., c/o Postmaster.

Auditor's Report for 1938: "Brother Rattlesnakes, we haven't got a pit to hiss in."

We hope that this will explain the purposes of our order, and permanently stop any and all malicious rumors concerning us.

Please give this all of the pub-

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licity which you can, as we do not feel that we should deprive the people of this country of the privilege of joining this order.

—Royal Rattlesnakes.

Editor's Note: O. K., Brother Rats (short for Rattlesnake.)

Silo Silas Sez . . .

Many a woman thinks the reason some married women can't take a joke is because they have already taken one too many.

It doesn't take only married men to tell you that the best way to get a woman to talk is to tell her to keep still.

It doesn't pay to borrow trouble unless you have the knack of shouldering it off on someone else.

We wonder if anyone has ever come across the Devil that Aimee Semple McPherson said she was going to chase out of Los Angeles many years ago.

I have noticed about the only thing that comes to the man who waits, is a good crop of whiskers.

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