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Today's Round-Up

SAD story of delapidation, properly illustrated, was told in the Oregonian magazine Sunday by Ben Buisman, editor of the Oregon State Grange, in a report on conditions of rural school plants in the state.



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The article went on to say that rural school educational quality is none too high, with teachers in one-room schools trying to handle anything up to eight grades, and with good teachers inclined to move to larger schools as rapidly as possible.

Consolidate

FOR a contrast with the unpleasant story told by Mr. Buisman, we invite attention to the situation in Klamath county. Certainly, the pictures and word account given in the Oregonian article do not describe conditions typical of this county's rural schools.

Klamath county has operated under a county unit system for more than 20 years. Under this system, school consolidations have steadily progressed to the point where there is now ONLY ONE one-room school left in the county where the teacher has responsibility for all of the grades.

Larger schools, with better equipment, better buildings, better-qualified teachers, have been established for the benefit of rural school children in Klamath county. The county unit plan, with all of the county operating as a single district, with blanket taxes making possible the best use of tax money in the places where it is needed, and with county wide administration, has facilitated school consolidations and a sound building program that are the answer to the problems pointed up by Mr. Buisman in his Oregonian article.

The day of the impoverished little school district has long since passed in Klamath county. It still exists in many other places, as the Oregonian article plainly implies, and it is interesting to note that the Oregon State Grange (not Klamath grangers, however) has stubbornly refused to support the county unit idea, despite the obvious advantages it carries for rural children as illustrated in the experience of Klamath county and the contrasting story told by the Oregon State Grange editor.

With or without the county unit, consolidations can be effected that will make possible improved school plants and better education for Oregon's farm boys and girls. These are the things that weren't mentioned in the article, but they are the real solution to the problems it presents.

News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28—Only by three per cent has the cost of living risen in nearly three years, said Mr. Truman to congress, in reaching the remarkable conclusion that "the fight against inflation has been waged successfully."

KFLW Campaigns To Make Nation 'Klamath Conscious'

Some 75 of the nation's top advertising executives this week were getting quite a surprise as they opened small wooden boxes which bore a label reading, "Handle With Care. Gem Inside. Shipped From Klamath Falls, Oregon."

Part of KFLW's campaign to make national advertisers conscious of the wealth and resources of the Klamath basin, the boxes, made from Klamath pine, contained a huge Klamath Netted Gem potato packed in green cellophane strips, and a message from KFLW pointing out facts about the area.

The spuds, boxes and packing were donated by Klamath people. State Rep. Henry Semon set aside the largest and choicest potatoes from a day's grading; Curt Strong, manager of Weyerhaeuser mill box factory, designed and presented the boxes which were custom-built with sliding lids. The people of Malin community gave the cellophane.

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people thought he meant 30 per cent. But no. Careful rereading of his message will show he said the cost of living "index" of the government—the statistics—had crept up but three per cent. In this, of course, he was correct. The government has waged a much more magnificent fight against letting price statistics rise than against prices. They do this by weighting their index heavily with nonexistent and hard to get commodities. For instance, they may consider nylon hose prices, but few can get them. The price is purely figurative. The government may brag about holding tenderloin steak prices down, and give this great consideration in making up their index, but steaks have long since ceased to be an item in the cost of living of most people. The other commodities beyond price control are available and represent the real cost of living today. Any shopper or housewife can testify these have gone up much more than 3 per cent, especially when you consider quality depreciation and quantity chiseling. Only a man living beyond personal contact with the workaday world in the White House, where everything is bought for him, could possibly believe the actual cost of living has been held to a three per cent increase since May, 1943.

Government Self-Deception BUT the government's self-deception on this base figure, from which its economic policies are deduced, runs far beyond unrealistic statistics. Mr. Truman, himself, disclosed what the public seldom has noticed, namely that the treasury is paying out cash to producers to hold many a price where it is. He asked congress for appropriations to continue subsidies already running over a billion (yes billion) dollars a year. These subsidies he mentioned on sugar, butter, bread, meat, milk and cheese, are actually price increases which do not show in the figures.

Take sugar. The price "line" has been held at the expense of no one being able to get enough sugar. There is plenty of sugar available in the off-shore storages. The government haggled against paying an increase of 1/2 cent a pound and therefore was not able to get the sugar. Now some compromise is being negotiated to pay a fraction of a cent increase, and we may get some sugar, but Mr. Truman wants to continue the government subsidy, beyond next July 1 or, he says, sugar will rise one cent a pound, which he considers alarming.

Butter? The butter "line" has been held by creating a condition where people cannot get butter. The price of cream was allowed to rise, to the point where producers could make more money selling the cream instead of making it into butter on which the price was limited. That is why we have had a butter shortage. Meat? Flour? Cash from the treasury is being paid producers for not increasing prices, and now Mr. Truman says these subsidies must be continued or increased else meats will go up three to five cents and bread one cent a loaf next July 1st when the subsidies expire.

Truman Denounced FOR his proposal to continue the subsidies, Mr. Truman was denounced by one farm organization as advocating "the worst double cross of the farmers in history." The unanimity of the farm bureau, grange and farmers union against the subsidies practically assures their discontinuance by the congress, despite Mr. Truman's recommendation. Thus the food price increases forecast by the president are apt to be realized.

So what? Well, the effect will be disastrous on the government price statistics. But as far as the people are concerned, they will merely be paying the price increase when they buy the sugar or butter, instead of paying it in taxes through the treasury to the producers on the side. People now have money, and the wage increases Mr. Truman is promoting, should enable the public to face the increases forecast—one cent a loaf on bread, one to two cents on milk, one cent on sugar and so on. The people are paying it now anyway—and paying more, because the administrative cost of handling the subsidies in many cases runs higher than the subsidy itself and this cost will be wiped out if subsidies are stopped.

The "hold the price line" policy which Mr. Truman thinks has been so successful is then, in reality, not a line but a sieve. On food, it is a fiction maintained by statistics, which are absurdly obsolete, and by more than a billion dollars a year of treasury cash subsidies.

Thomas Blasts Policy Lack

PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—Lack of a policy is driving the United States toward another war, Norman Thomas, five-time socialist candidate for president, declared here in an interview yesterday.

He said, "President Truman wants the UNO to succeed, then he wants us to grab off bases all over the world. He wants atomic bombs, then he wants our youth trained in old-fashioned army methods. He is inconsistent and doesn't even know it."

Thomas came here to speak to-night at a socialist party meeting.

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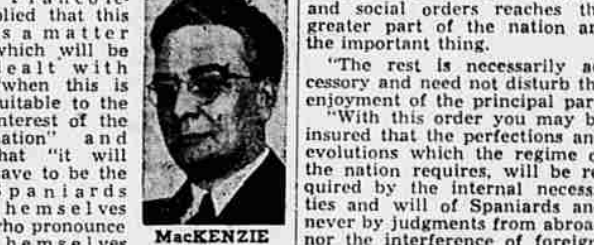


"But, mother, I simply must have another pair of sports shoes—you don't want me to go around looking like a backwoodsman, do you?"

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP World Traveler

MADRID, Jan. 28—The question of whether the kingship shall be revived in Spain continues to be a subject of eager speculation and naturally was one of the points which I raised in my interview with Generalissimo Franco at the palace in El Pardo.



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Francisco replied that this is a matter which will be dealt with "when this is suitable to the interest of the nation," and that "it will have to be the Spaniards themselves who pronounce themselves in its favor." In short, I take it Spain isn't paying foreign nations for advice.

I broached the matter by calling Franco's attention to the fact that his ambassador to Washington, Juan Francisco de Cardenas, recently was quoted as saying that "Spain is steadily and progressively restoring a political situation with a more representative system."

I asked if this had any relation to the current talk about a possible restoration of the monarchy. Open Constitution "Spain is a country of an open and not closed constitution" was Franco's reply.

"For Spain, the prefectures of its institutions is constant and progressive and every stage is effected at the moment when the best service of the nation requires it, without there being opened thereby constitutional periods, much less revolutionary periods."

What really interests Spain is the content of its political re-

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Funds Asked To Reopen Camp Sites

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Appropriation of adequate funds to enable the forest service to reopen camp grounds and other recreational areas of the national forests was urged on the house appropriations committee today by Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.).

"Oregon has 13 national forests which have over 500 beautiful camp and picnic grounds," Stockman told the committee. "These forest areas offered recreation to more than 700,000 people in 1941, the last pre-war year, and it is my guess that there will be almost a million persons using these areas in 1946."

"We also have 23 ski areas, including Timberline Lodge, which was used by more than 100,000 people and these too are going to be crowded next winter."

No Funds The representative told the committee that all developments in the national forests had to be left without maintenance during the war when no funds could be appropriated for them and that the forest service now has no funds with which to put them into condition to be used. He said it was essential that the funds be provided now so as much of the work as possible could be done before warm weather arrives. "Now that people have an opportunity for automobile trips and recreational outings," Stockman said, "I feel that proper facilities should be made available so that they can obtain full benefit of the parks in our national forests."

Fall From Father's Arms Fatal To Baby

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—A fall from the arms of a parent was fatal late Saturday night to three-month-old Mary Ann Ivy, the coroner's office reported today. The coroner said Meldon Ivy was holding his daughter when a three-year-old son climbed onto a chair nearby and toppled toward a hot stove. The father reached for the son, but lost his grip on the infant in his arms.

at Potsdam," the generalissimo said, "and at the proper time rejected that part of it which referred to Spain. The war is still recent and the passions and rashness which it provoked are not yet calm and the world is not agreeable to look at. "Let us leave to those who are faced with responsibility of the hour the solution of the difficult political problems which are pending. Spain need not be present in order to give within its sphere and means its collaboration to peace among peoples."

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Construction Men Get Raise

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—Wage adjustment board approval of wage increases for about 10,000 Portland area construction workers was reported by Fred Manish, secretary of the building and construction trades council. Manish said the approval is retroactive to January 7. Pay scales were negotiated between the Associated General Contractors and the union council. Carpenters' pay will increase from \$1.37 1/2 an hour to \$1.55; building workers, 95 cents to \$1.15; structural steel workers, \$1.65 to \$1.75; concrete rodmen, \$1.37 1/2 to \$1.55.

EDITOR'S DREAM BREWSTER, Minn., Jan. 28 (AP)—Clinton Wilcox, publisher of the weekly Brewster Tribune, was ill for several days. When he read the latest issue of the Tribune, he found a full page ad, paid for by Brewster residents, with this message: "Get well quick, Mr. Editor!"

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2:30 Woody Herman Orchestra
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