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Caught in the Round

By DEB ADDISON
We gather, from the Build the Basin program this week that there were three big motives that put nearly half the town's population outside the corporate city. They are Independence, Elbow Room and Irrigation. We gather, also, that it is the loss of Elbow Room (and all that goes with it) and getting Irrigation that makes people in some of these urban areas think they ought to be allowed to join the city.

The fact of the matter is that some of Cal Peyton's "pioneers" ARE being elbowed out and are moving "west." (Or, they're changing their stripes and are living like town folks.)
When a residential area takes on the characteristics of a city—the land built up with homes on each 50-foot lot—it follows that the need arises for the services and regulations that have brought about the incorporation of every city.

Some of these needs—fire protection, sanitation, policing, streets and sidewalks, zoning, recreation—are here right now in some rural (rural-urban) sections.
Some of them have been taken care of without city corporation. We have good, operating suburban fire departments. We have Ward Memorial park.

Meeting these problems through formation of fire districts, sanitation districts and so on has the advantage of taking up problems

one at a time, as they become acute. It also preserves a measure of the feeling of independence that generally is strong in the family that has set up homemaking outside a city.

Meeting the problems through being taken into an incorporated city has other advantages. Some of them are:

Services already are established and working; it's a matter of expanding them, not pioneering. A city is run largely on the experience that comes only with years.

Klamath Falls, in particular, has no bonded indebtedness (and this is achieved through bitter experience) and its credit is established. And, as pointed out in the forum by Ed Robinson, there's a difference in tax base. Speaking from the standpoint of school districts, he estimated that there's about \$17 1/2 million in the city district compared to about \$3 million in the south suburban area.

There's another question: How able would the city be to take on all these problems in a clutter if people both within and outside the city should decide to join the city? Right there we'll refer back to a contribution of Orth Sismore's which called for a determination of facts.

He suggested that the City Council should budget a modest sum for a survey to get an accurate picture of the entire annexation question.

Billboard

By BILL JENKINS
With a knock-down-drag-out election coming up in November it is high time for us hauled up our belts, took a hitch in our minds and tried to get a clear picture of the situation as it stands today. A clear reminder of that fact comes in a message from Jack Travis, a fellow publisher from Hood River, who sends along a petition to be signed urging that the name of Robert A. Taft be placed on the Oregon primary.

When we consider the fact that most of the outer major contenders for the White House seat will appear on our state primary it would seem that the exclusion of "Mr. Republican" would be little less than a slap in the face to a great many GOP members who are inclined to back the Senator from Ohio. In effect it would be cheating the people of our state in a two-edged fashion. (1) There would be no choice for the voters of supporters to wage their campaign, and (2) it would deprive the voters of the state as a whole of a chance to pick from a full slate and show to the people of the state and nation what the choice of Oregon is. (Without a full slate of candidates there can be no conclusive findings drawn from a state primary.)

We, as a newspaper dedicated to the public interest, feel that the name of Taft should appear on the Oregon list. Purely to give the voters the chance to pick their favorites. To show their views to the world at large. Whether we favor one man or the other has little to do with the situation. We are interested only in seeing that the fullest and fairest opportunities are given all sides in an election may well be the keystone to future peace for the world.

Steele Fills Chamber Post
Joe Steele, Pine Grove rancher, was introduced as a new director of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce at the board of directors meeting Wednesday noon at the Wilma hotel.

Steele was appointed a director to take the place of Dick Hengel, resigned. He immediately was appointed director in charge of the agriculture committee.

Others who recently have been appointed to fill vacancies in the board are Fred Rueck of Bonanza and Bill Lorenz of Chiloquin.

The directors okayed a revision of the chamber by-laws to be submitted to the membership for ratification at the next regular meeting.

There are two principal changes in the proposed new by-laws. One would increase the number of directors from 14 to 15.
The other would increase the term of office for a director from two to three years. At the same time the new code would prohibit a director serving two consecutive terms (under the three year tenure) while at present a director can be elected to two consecutive two-year terms.

MODEL FARM
DES MOINES, Ia. (AP)—A group of rural pupils in Davenport Township is doing part of its school work in a big box of dirt. The youngsters are building a modern farm in the box as one of several projects in a Scott County conservation contest. They aim to show with the model how contour plowing, strip cropping and other conservation practices can be carried out.

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Hal Boke

By CYNTHIA LOWRY
For Hal Boke
NEW YORK (AP)—The reason there are so many songwriters, said Steve Allen, who is one himself, "is because it doesn't take long to write a song and because it doesn't take any talent."
Allen estimates amateur songwriters comprise a larger group with special interests than any other, except possibly horse players. "For almost all of these people, there is no hope that their songs will ever be published," he continues. "There is no other field so firmly closed to newcomers. There is about one chance in 100,000 that an amateur's song will be published."

Allen is pretty well qualified on a number of scores to discuss the problem of the unsung, unpublished songwriter. For one thing he's master of ceremonies of a network television show, "Songs for Sale," written by a nine-year-old girl, has had a good record sale.
Allen adds, however, that writers whose songs are played get other benefits. The most important is to their ego. The greatest thing that can happen to a song writer is to hear his song played and sung by pros. Each writer also receives a recording of his song, done by a famed vocalist with full orchestration. This serves as a "demonstration record" if he's lucky enough to get a publisher to listen to it.

The trouble with songwriting by amateurs—and the thing that keeps all of them writing—is that once in a June moon a song breaks through which fractures all the rules.
GOOD SONGS
"That," said Allen, "will give you some idea of the problems and remember that most of these have been good songs. Most amateur songs aren't good."
The show now is receiving between 1,500 and 2,000 song manuscripts each week, a figure which occasionally rises as high as 5,000. Of these, about one per cent are called as possibilities. The rest are returned with a polite rejection slip. The one per cent is further whittled.

"It's so easy to write a song—it's not easy to write a good song, of course—that the supply is always much greater than the demand," Allen continued.
"If song writers would go to the job the way actors or writers usually do—studying and practicing—they could have a lot of fun. An amateur songwriter can get his songs played around in his community, write special material for amateur functions and get to be quite a big man around his town. It gets bad when they try to get into the professional field."

Allen described "Songs for Sale" and other programs using unpublished songs as "a drop in the bucket" and added a note of caution to song-writing hopefuls.
EASY MARKS
"I don't believe there's another group as easily taken as songwriters," he said.
"Naive songwriters dream about becoming Hoagy Carmichaels and owning a couple of Catalinas. They are eager to pay money to some guy who says he can fix up their song for \$10 so it will be published. Ten dollars may not seem like much—but to most of these people it is big money. If someone is so good he can fix up your song, he's good enough to write hit songs of his own. And if he can do that, he won't be interested in doctoring up your effort."

Laced among the influx of manuscripts to "Songs for Sale" are quantities of heartbreaking letters.

Objectors Get Work Orders

WASHINGTON (AP)—Draft-eligible conscientious objectors have been ordered by President Truman to work 24 consecutive months in civilian jobs approved by their draft boards.
The executive order issued Wednesday affects about 8,200 young men who have professed religious objection to military service and up until now have not been ordered into any kind of service.
Not affected are objectors willing to perform non-combatant duties and subject to limited service in the Armed Forces.

The first of the 48,200 may get their orders in March.
The President's order said they may take jobs—approved by their draft boards—with federal, state or local governments, or with a non-charitable or public service activity.

SPECIAL TOURIST RATE

ROME (AP)—The Italian state railroads are selling special low-priced railroad tickets abroad to enable tourists to visit Italy at low cost.

James Marlow

ABC'S
By CHARLES F. BARRETT
(For James Marlow)
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Internal Revenue Bureau is doing a bit of soul searching on just how much information it should give the public.

The question would have lots of tough, complex angles at any time. Now it's doubly troublesome in the spotlight of recurring tax case scandals.
On one side is the taxpayer's basic right to know what's going on in his government; on the other side is the need to guard much of the confidential information a man or business firm discloses in tax returns; the desire to protect those who make honest mistakes—or those involved in cases where right or wrong is a very close, debatable question.

Answers to some of the questions under study may lift, at least partially, what some newspapers and officials have called an "iron curtain" of secrecy surrounding the tax service.
Here are some of the issues under study:
First, it's against the law for revenue officials or employees to disclose amounts or sources of income as revealed in tax returns. There's little disagreement with this basic law.
However, this law has been extended in actual practice to ban release of any information whatsoever on almost all tax delinquency cases and their disposition, except for the few cases that come up in court.

It is argued in some circles that at least some of the most aggravated tax delinquency cases—now settled in secrecy out of court—should be made public.
Many of the current scandals involve charges of collusion or fraud in these secret settlements.
The possibility of publicity it came mentally incompetent, lost control of her elimination, lost weight, and had to be fed with a spoon.
Sleeping drugs should be taken with caution. They act on the nervous system and on other parts of the body. They should be avoided except when there is some real reason for using them.

GERMANS UP BEER
FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Germany again is living up to her reputation as a nation of beer drinkers, latest federal statistics reveal. Beer consumption per head of the 49 million West Germans rose to 11 1/2 gallons in 1951 compared with 9 1/2 gallons in 1950.

self, so the argument goes, is likely to deter would-be wrongdoers in or out of the government.
On the other hand there's the chance that publicity could be grossly unjust to a citizen who only made an honest mistake on his tax return, or where revenue agents were wrong in evaluating a debatable case.
The Office of Price Stabilization announces all its cases of alleged price ceiling violations when they are turned over to the Justice Department for possible court action. Some say the Revenue Bureau could do the same.
But beyond the scope of the secrecy provision of the law some revenue officials concede privately that the tax service policy may have blacked out much information which could be released.

The bureau announced last November, for example, it would issue monthly reports on its activities as part of a program to keep the public better informed of the report dealt only in total figures, not specific cases. Release of that first report brought a flurry of publicity on such things as total uncollected tax delinquencies, the number and disposition of tax fraud cases, and the number of revenue employees fired.
Since then the monthly reports have been withheld. Officials said the first report, because of its technical nature, was misunderstood by the public and the bureau was unduly placed in a bad light. But now the idea of releasing such a report is being studied anew.

DISCIPLINE
Still another major question under discussion is how much information should be released about disciplinary action against revenue employees.
Cases, notably when 30 employees were fired in one swoop last November, the bureau announced dismissal of workers charged with dishonesty or improper deals with taxpayers. It gave a general description of the charges, but no details.
Since November, however, the bureau has made no announcements of disciplinary action. Several announcements of disciplinary action have come from officials in local tax offices involved, but not from the bureau here. This might tend to keep down national publicity and national totals on the firings.

Officials are now studying all these matters how much information should be released, by whom, and at what stage—to try to fix a definite policy that will protect revenue employees from undue suspicion, but give the public all the information it's entitled to.

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