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U.S. Booms

By MAX WAUCHOPE
Oregon is still one of the fastest growing states in America. Although the growth of the Pacific Coast's population boom has slowed somewhat, reports the Kiplinger Washington Letter this week.

The Pacific Coast states of Oregon, California and Washington have not grown quite as fast in the last four years as during the booming war years but they continue to beat the national average in population increase.

Looking at the nation as a whole, the baby boom is continuing. It is staying on the high plateau of the past nine years and promises to run on and on, our birth rate hovers around 26 new babies per year for each 1,000 population. The peak was 26.6 per thousand in 1947, when the men came home from World War II.

The Letter says the reason for this record increase in births is because people can afford children better now than at any time in our nation's history. In the depressed decade of the 1930's the birth rate was 18 per thousand. Also, bigger families are now in "style."

City women lag, with an average of two children per family. Farm women lead with an average of three.

On the matrimony side statistics show that for every 100 women there are 109 men of marriageable age. That's enough to go around for all the women with some bachelors left over — holding the bag, figuratively speaking!

When the women ask where to go for the best hunting, the advisers say to go to the farms — there are 152 single men for every 100 women there. Divorces are running about level with about one divorce for every four marriages.

And three out of four divorces remain permanent. Persistence is still an American habit in this respect, it appears.

On the business scene the big expansion in middle-grade incomes in the past five years points towards a boost in business dealing with the necessities of life. The people in this bracket spend freely for the things that make life easier and more pleasant.

There's still plenty of poverty in the country to be wrestled with in the future, but the point is that it is diminishing progressively in all categories. Not enough to make anyone let up in the effort to erase it, but enough to be encouraging.

Many business lines can expect a big surge in the 1960's. Particularly the building industry. The boom in births and marriages will naturally mean a need for a large number of new housing units of all types.

With this big rise in population, the schools of the nation must be expanded immensely to meet the needs of the millions of new students. The growing communities, such as Klamath Falls, will need expanded school facilities in the next 10 years.

It is estimated that the country will need 200,000 new teachers each year for 10 years to take care of this growth. That many will be needed to take care of school growth and to replace those who quit or retire.

Now the question arises — How are we to pay for this needed expansion? New taxes — a bitter pill to swallow at best — will undoubtedly be imposed despite the reluctance of legislators and taxpayers alike to face this fact.

Already nearly 45 per cent of all property taxes collected go to the schools. In the natural evolution of things we can probably expect high property taxes in most sections of America. If other taxes are preferred, the people had better do something now to change the tax policies.

Federal aid to schools will be one of the many important domestic problems that Congress will have to decide in the next few years, according to all the political prognosticators.

On the opposite side of the ledger the farm population is still shrinking, along with total farm income. Farm population is down from 30 1/2 million in 1940 to about 22 million now. More farm machines, more production, and farmers taking jobs in town have lowered the total. In 1910 farmers constituted one-third of the nation's population now they are one-seventh.

The population of the U.S. now is estimated at 167 million. In five years it will be 178 million. In 20 years it will reach more than 221 million.

All these statistics (sometimes stuffy and boring to read I'll grant you) point up the fact that our nation is continuing its dynamic growth. A good point to remember is that it's more than just a physical growth — it's a demonstration of the vigor of the spirit of America. There will be growing pains of course, but it also shows the confidence and zest of the nation.

auto, whereas, 1954 saw 510 miles of road covered.

While auto hunting for birds is an easy way to conduct a count, nevertheless it is not as productive of small species as in the case of those who comb the woods and lake shores on foot and this part of the activity likewise is on the increase. In 1948 all the birds counted were observed from auto travel but by 1954 we find the various parties covering 18 miles on foot as well as one mile by boat.

One phase of the bird activity that has not been developed as well as the society believes it should be is in the urban areas. The count of birds about city yards which up to now has been more or less neglected for the lack of observers. The call of the open country is strong, yet there are many birds living along with man in his communities. We would like to know more about them.

The rules of the game are simple. Just take a few minutes off and stroll out into the open. You know it will be cold for the thermometer is usually sticking within the 20 degree range but bird life must adjust itself for that — count the number of species of birds seen and their number. Then give the compilers a phone call, or send us the information in a post card. It's as simple as that.

The compilation of the day's count will start at 5 p.m. on the day of the count, January 1 at the residence of Lawrence and Naomi French, 1412 Crescent Avenue here in Klamath Falls. The phone number is 4110. A large part of the work of compiling the bird count is completed on the day the count is taken, however, actual final results are somewhat delayed since some observers must make their reports by mail. Anyone interested in helping out on this activity can get additional information from Edith McLeod, 413 High Street, phone 4290, or J. L. O'Donohue at Kerns Implement Co.

In reporting on birds the compiler will ask an additional question as to the time spent, distance covered, and how traveled. We'll be waiting for your call or card.

New Year's Eve
By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — What kind of a time will you have on New Year's Eve?

The Fourth of July gets safer and saner every year. As the result of mass protests by wives and other moralists, the once-unruly office Christmas party has become as tame as a kindergarten cookie klatch.

But the problem of how to stay alive on New Year's Eve becomes more pressing with each passing season. The parties get wilder and wilder. Joy reigns unconfined and unrefined.

Too many people, worn out with Christmas good will, take the brakes off their mind—and forget to put their foot on the brake of their motor car. The streets are less safe than a battlefield.

If you go to a night club (cover charge up to \$30, bubbly water extra), it is as if you were playing a role in a mob scene in "Ben Hur." If you go to a home party, it is like being caught in a gladiator contest in the Roman Colosseum. Instead of bringing along a bottle you'd do better to fetch a book on first aid.

As a result of the widespread mayhem committed in this atmosphere of false cheer, every hospital becomes a casualty station. New Year's Day itself could more aptly be called "National Hangovers Day."

All this slaughter and self-punishment is really as unbecomingly as it is unnecessary. After all, just because the old year is dying, does a fellow have to try to kill himself, too?

New Year's Eve marks the eternal passing of 1955, and is really a kind of wake. Unrestrained levity is therefore, a bit inappropriate. Why not be the first in your crowd to throw a really sensible New Year's Eve party?

Here's how to do it. First of all, invite only people who can get to your home without driving a car or crossing a street.

You then follow this schedule: 9 p.m.—The guests arrive and each one is searched for bottles and he enters the door. Any bottles you find are emptied down the sink.

9:30—The first drink—fruit punch — served.

10:00—Each guest is allowed to rise and tell the funniest thing that happened to him during the year. If any guest laughs immoderately, his breath will be promptly smothered and he will be handed his hat and coat.

10:30—The second drink—steaming bouillon—is served. If anyone asks for a second cup, give it to him. He may have sneaked a drink of something else before he came to your party.

11:00—Each guest will be allowed to rise and tell the saddest thing that happened to him during the year. This will have everybody weeping, so be sure to have plenty of crying towels handy.

11:30—The last drink—hot coffee or tea, plus leftover fruit cake—is served.

Midnight—A small silver bell will be passed from guest to guest. Each will be permitted to ring it as loudly and merrily as he chooses for a full half minute.

certain hilarity, but you can be sure of one thing. Anybody who came to it will remember and talk about it for a long, long time.

Not All Good

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK (AP)—Seldom have Americans shaped up to a new year with more confidence. But here and there a businessman is having some sober thoughts.

Times look good in general for the next six months — but that means good on average, and not for every individual, every company, every industry. There are predictions of a slideback from the peak for some kinds of business.

Scattered warnings are at hand for dealers in such things as cars, new houses, home furnishings, apparel, electrical appliances, tires, lumber and even for the makers of steel.

In most cases it would be only a moderate backing away from ready heights.

Autos and housing have led the parade in 1955, with steel and metal products pressing close.

Now the building industry predicts a drop of 100,000 to 200,000 in new homes built next year — although still counting on more than one million, and larger and more expensive ones to boot.

The auto industry already is trimming back output. Although long its most optimistic spokesman, Harold H. Christie, General Motors president, says production next year may drop 12 per cent — this would still send more than seven million new cars off the assembly lines.

Dealers in used cars report a sales slump now, with prices off in the last six months.

Another generally expected soft spot is agriculture. Some observers think prices of farm products may slide in the second half of next year. Coupled with possible acreage cuts, this could pull net farm income down by 5 per cent from this year.

Electric appliance dealers are worried about a price tug-of-war among competing manufacturers in some cases involving paring of merchants' profit margins.

Visit Shrines
By KATHLEEN WARD
In the early evening, just after the lights came on, we drove down Ginza Street. This is the Fifth avenue of Tokyo and has many large department stores. They were all decorated for Christmas, much as our stores at home are. One thing that amused and surprised me no end, the mannequins in the store windows all have caucasian faces. The only exceptions are the ones on which the kimono's are displayed. Even the angels are pink and white cherubs.

There has recently been quite a lengthy article in the leading Japanese paper criticizing the extremes to which the stores have capitulated to Western ideas. It does seem strange to see all this observance of a Christian holiday in this land of Buddha and the Shinto shrines.

In the evening we had a typical Japanese dinner, low tables, Kobe beef (reputed to be the tenderest in the world) and everything that goes with it. My rather large stature isn't exactly adaptable to the low tables, but the experience is definitely an adventure one wouldn't want to miss. Following dinner, we made the rounds of the three leading night clubs and here again you see the Western influences, and all you hear are American songs with an occasional tango or samba, thrown in.

The Japanese love to dance and are remarkably adept at it. We danced to a Japanese version of "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." One singer was doing "Rock and Roll" and since they have a very hard time pronouncing "R" it came out "Loek and Loll."

Mr. Mahoney asked me to convey (via this article) his affectionate and sincere regards to his friends in the Klamath Basin. I gather from his interest and inquiry that he has a very high regard for both our city and its people. What a fortunate lady I was to have had such a callant escort for my short stay in Tokyo!

On Sunday mornings, I received a call from Major Ralph Taylor, who is also a former Klamath Falls man and is the executive officer of the 5th Cavalry Regiment at Camp Senda. He was in Tokyo on Army business and we had a half hour chat at the depot before my train left for Kyoto. His wife, Elizabeth Burton Taylor, was indisposed and was not able to accompany him to Tokyo.

The express train to Kyoto was a revelation of the very jewel like quality of the rural Japan scenery. Every tillable space of land is carefully hand cared for. So much of Japan is mountainous and rocky, that every inch must be used to grow the foodstuffs for these millions of people. One gets the impression, that a weed just wouldn't dare rear its ugly head.

Kyoto is one of the most historical and beautiful cities of these islands. I made a sizable purchase in one of the shops and when the young man, who had sold me the merchandise, learned how short my time in Kyoto was to be, he arranged to take the day off and be my guide. Just to be courteous and kind and not for money, I was overwhelmed. He even accompanied me to Kobe (some 65 miles from Kyoto) and saw me safely on board my ship, just forty-five minutes before sailing time. In some three hours time we had covered the exquisite shrines and palaces of Kyoto. From all this, I'm sure you can gather how very much I enjoyed my brief stay in the land of the rising sun and the cherry blossoms. I'm hoping one day to return when I won't have to rush either the scenery or the association with these fabulous people. They are, I'm sure, the most industrious peoples on the face of this earth and so polite!

Band Trip

Klamath Falls, Ore. (To the Editor) — Through the columns of your paper on behalf of the members of the Klamath Union High School Band, their directors LaMar Jensen and Steve Stone, and myself, I should like to express our sincere thanks to the Herald and News for the very fine publicity given us at all times in connection with the trip of the KHSB Band to the East West Shrine Game in San Francisco.

Also to the radio stations KFLW, KFSJ, and KLDJ.

It goes without saying that without the fine community support by the many hundreds of contributors to the expense fund for this trip, such a trip could not be possible. The response of the community has been magnificent. A word of special thanks should also be given to the local Shrine Club, Floyd Boyd, President, and Walter Wiesendanger, who were responsible for seeing that contributions were sent to the proper party.

We are also deeply appreciative for the help given us by the Administration and the Board of Education, School District No. 2, in providing the buses.

I feel quite sure that with the additional honor of having the band chosen as one of two bands to play for time-outs and the fine showing I know the band will have in your city, Paragon, Klamath Falls will have every reason to be proud of their presentation in San Francisco.

Andrew Loney, Jr.
Director of Music Education

Lumber Story

McCloud, Calif. (To the Editor) — I have read with amazement an article printed in your paper, "The Herald and News," dated December 19, 1955, entitled "Lumber Pay Agreement Told."

In this spurious article, a lot of untruths have been attributed to me as reporting, that of which I resent and I think that your paper owes me a public apology.

I wish to state that to my knowledge, I have never talked to one of your reporters or given them a news release or permission to quote me. All of which leads me to wonder if there might be some ulterior motive behind the article.

Now, I wish to cite to you part of the first paragraph in which you state, quote: "Members of Local 6-64, International Woodworkers of America, accepted by more than 2-1 majority the firm's offer of pay, etc." unquote. To those that have requested information on the vote I have never been hesitant in telling them the truth, which was a little over 73 per cent.

Your second paragraph of your article I will quote, "Wage hikes for the most skilled employees will be one cent less than the increase gained last month by Washington and Oregon AFL workers and recommended for Northern California. In lieu of the 1 cent the McCloud union picked up additional vacation benefit. These according to Harold McKean, IWA local business agent, more than offset the pay differential." In this paragraph, you seem to speak quite positively of which the gain was by the AFL, and was quite emphatic that we agreed to one cent less per hour and you stated, in lieu of the one cent per hour, we picked up additional vacation benefits, this is truly a malicious untruth.

I wish to state that there was only so much money allotted for the over-all wage increase. The low wage scale was allotted a specified amount, the rest was applied to the higher paid classifications and as it so happened, we had too many in the higher paid classifications, so there was not enough to allow up to fifteen cents per hour. There was not one cent bargained away for the liberalizing of our vacation pay.

Personally, I can't help but think the second paragraph of your letter was written maliciously, and in the ending of the article, you quoted me as stating the "various sales and other capacities in stores and offices throughout the company" received the wage increase. I wish to say that we do not hold bargaining rights for sales, office, or any of the company office workers. This implication is just more contemptuous untruths.

Again, I wish to emphasize that as a matter of decency I think you owe me an apology or retraction through your paper.

Harold V. McKean
Secy-Treas. & Bus. Agt.
Local 6-64, IWA-CIO

(Eds Note: The story was accepted in good faith from a usually reliable source in California and was printed without malice. If an erroneous impression was conveyed the Herald and News is sincerely sorry. The above letter is printed verbatim.)

Thanks

Klamath Falls, Ore. (To the Editor) — I wish to thank those who so generously contributed toward making this a Christmas to be remembered by those who live at my boarding home. Special mention to the ladies of the North Side Garden Club, the staff at Wood's drug store, Mrs. Joe Ivie and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Kuzman and to many other individuals. Truly, the spirit of Christmas exists.

Mrs. Leota Howe
Shady Pine

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

THE OLD DUFFERS ARE ALWAYS MOANING ABOUT HOW THE YOUNGSTERS LET THEM CARRY THE WORK LOAD....

LOOK—YOU YOUNG MEMBERS DON'T SEEM TO FIT IN AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN OUR BELOVED GOATS' CLUB—WE OLDESTERS CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO RUN EVERYTHING... WHY DON'T YOU VOLUNTEER FOR COMMITTEES? PUT UP A SLATE AT ELECTION... ETC....

HEAR, HEAR!

WELL—THE YOUNGSTERS TOOK OVER ONE COMMITTEE—WHAT DO THE OLD BOYS SAY NOW?

I RESIGN! I'M THROUGH!

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