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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS
Oregon has busted into the public prints again. In a somewhat rhapsodic article by Senator Neuberger appearing in the June issue of Pageant.

The good senator paints a flattering picture of the state's beauties, its resources, both human and material, and bows in homage to the independent spirit of the pioneers.

All in all a fine piece, except that it points up the glaring inadequacies of our modern times when it comes to this business of independent thought.

Being a native son I can, I think, criticize to at least a tiny extent. And I must admit that I think there are times when Oregon is the idiot of the family.

But I guess I wouldn't live anywhere else.
Neuberger lists as his five favorite spots in Oregon (1) Timberline Lodge, (2) Ecola State Park, (3) Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, (4) Crater Lake and (5) the Ashland Shakespearean Festival.

Klamath Falls is also in the prints. The current issue of Men, the Goodyear dealer's magazine, carries a picture of the Klamath Falls store on the back cover, along with a picture of store manager Francis LaSeur.

Since that publication has a wide circulation it is going to put the name of Klamath Falls before a lot of people.
The Narda Ultrasonics Corporation, back in Westbury, New York, has built an ultrasonic dishwasher. It activates the water with sound waves outside the range of human hearing, is said to cut the need for scraping pots and dishes, cuts the wash cycle in half and saves on soap.

What next?
Today is National Maritime Day. On this date in 1819 the first powered crossing of the Atlantic was accomplished by the steamship Savannah.

County Budget

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
It's mighty pleasing from a property taxpayer's standpoint to find any governmental body levying less taxes than for their preceding budget.

Yet, that has been the case in the new budget for Klamath County. The overall budget is up in total, but the amount to be levied in taxes, and that's the part that concerns us most, is down.

The \$89,246 less to be levied in property taxes than last year represents almost \$2 per every man, woman and child in Klamath County.

And yet, the county was able to accomplish everything needed to perform the services of government. They allotted \$53,000 toward a new juvenile home, something that has been needed badly for some time, and allotted \$150,000 toward construction of a new wing on the courthouse.

Of course, one wonders what they need the new wing for. Past experience has led us to believe that when the wing is added, people will then be added to the tax payroll to fill the building, or other offices now operating on smaller forces will suddenly find that they have need for larger offices and more employees.

When one considers that the city hall was built in 1914, and is adequately handling the task of city government today, some 45 years later, you wonder if that new wing is needed.

But, the net result of the budget deliberations in the county is good. Income to the county is up \$337,000 which not only balances the increases in the upcoming budget, but also leaves that little item of some \$89,000 which will represent reduction in property tax.

The high school district came up with a raise of \$10,000 in its budget this year, but the elementary district reduced theirs some \$70,000. They raised the old levy of \$120,000 annually up to \$130,000 however, which results in the net decrease of \$60,000 being absorbed by the building levy. However, the overall result was that school property tax levy remained constant with no increase for the coming year.

The city has yet to complete its budget deliberations but indications are that the amount it will levy in taxes will either be constant or down slightly.

The trend is good.
There is no question but people are property tax conscious. The recent rebellion by almost 200 property taxpayers against what they consider an unreasonable reassessment of their property, is a clear-cut indicator of tax resentment.

Property taxes can reach the point where they discourage the

incentive to own a home, and when that happens it becomes a distinct threat to a community.

Again, however, there is one cardinal point which I keep hammering that must be remembered. If you keep asking or seeking services by one branch of government, then you must be prepared to pay the taxes that those services cost. The two are siamese twins.

Only by cutting down services can there be any substantial cut in taxes.
That can only be done by people doing more and more for themselves what they expect government to do for them now.

Tourist Survey

By FLORENCE JENKINS
The Travel Information Division of Oregon State Highway Department has prepared a very comprehensive survey of 1958 travel in Oregon.

A copy has just been received from Carl W. Jordan, director of the division.
Total estimated income from tourists last year was a round 150 million dollars. Of that amount, the division estimated that visitors coming by rail, bus and air contributed 15 million dollars.

The average number of persons per car last year was 3.2.
Average length of stay per car was 3.81 days.

The computed number of tourist motor cars visiting Oregon during 1958 totaled 1,803,465.
Cars were driven an average of 472 miles each within the boundaries of the state.

The average expenditure per day per person was \$6.16, making the average per day expenditure per car \$19.71.

In other words, every car which came into Oregon during the year accounted for an additional \$75.10 income to the state last year.

Forty three per cent of Oregon's visitors came from California, 22 per cent from Washington and five per cent from Idaho and Canada. Other states, in order, were Texas, Colorado, Utah, Iowa, Illinois and Kansas.

On last year's rate of travel, if every carload of visitors could be persuaded to stay just one more day, the amount of tourist income would be upped approximately 35 million dollars.

Mr. Jordan refuses to guess on the travel total for 1959. Maybe, with Oregon's Centennial observance going on, we can have a larger percentage of the visitors coming to Oregon to stay awhile rather than having most of them crossing Oregon only to get somewhere else.

Off Beat Notes

By TOM STIMMEL
Ben Kerns was on his way to the first performance of "J.B.," in which he plays the title role, when he was stopped by police because his car license had expired.

Perhaps this gave emphasis to one of Ben's lines: "Shall we take the good and not the evil?"
The Unitarians will repeat their remarkable reading of this prize-winning play in verse next Tuesday night in Mills School Auditorium.

If you have business in the assessor's office—and a lot of people do these days—next Friday would be a good day to go.

The six girls on the staff will be adorned in authentic Centennial-type gowns.

They tried it out this week (and Assessor Hap Caldwell was handsomely adorned, too) and decided to make it an every-Friday event.

An unexpected booster for Oregon in general and Klamath County in particular is Harold Wolfe, an amateur radio operator, from Annapolis, Maryland.

Wolfe, who is a sailor as well, has been known to spread the good news of Oregon through his station W3JLY. He's been picked up

here by a Klamath Falls "ham," Mrs. Helen Lee of Memorial Drive—W7SBX.

The last time Mrs. Lee talked to Wolfe, he was off the coast of Mexico and headed for Central America, but still plugging Oregon on the air.

For his enthusiasm, the chamber of commerce sent Wolfe a letter of thanks and an honorary life membership.

In the juvenile office not long ago appeared a 14-year-old boy charged with driving, without a license, a vehicle without a license.

What's different is that the vehicle was a home-made rig powered with a chain saw engine. It's capable, the boy said, of doing 30 miles an hour.

But authorities sternly warned that the thing must be kept off streets and highways, or else.

Animal Cruelty

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Where is the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" that we have always heard so much about?

"Little One" was born approximately three months ago in the manner of most puppies except that he was probably cold a good deal of the time but having his mother and the rest of the litter to help keep him warm he survived. However, after weaning and most of the others were sold it was a little more difficult. Finally the two remaining litter-mates died of abuse and neglect and "Little One" was left alone. He contracted a bad cold and came to my house hungry and shivering and I took him in. He progressed rapidly and was even beginning to play as a puppy should until his owners noticed and locked him in a cold and damp rabbit hutch above even the small comfort the ground could offer. "Little One" cried and cried for several days, his cold grew worse until our recent bitter cold nights came and he died, shivering from the extreme cold and dampness, alone and neglected.

Do helpless animals have to suffer from human neglect, ignorance, indifference or sadism? God did not give us our pets to shut up like wild beasts, to whip repeatedly, to neglect and starve. Puppies, like children, need milk and cod liver oil and a good deal of affection and understanding instead of the abuse they so often get. It seems to me that people who raise dogs or cats or other animals and don't want them in their homes should be required to meet certain standards of comfort as well as preventative shots for rabies, distemper, etc. If a profit is realized then some expenditure can surely be made. If they don't like animals then why raise them?

Why can't more reasonable rates for paying be established to aid in keeping down the population of undesirable animals? Why not more lenient licensing for people like the family at Merrill who obviously couldn't afford a dog license but who loved their pet and wanted to keep it but it was taken from them because their license was delinquent? It costs a good deal more to keep and feed an impounded animal the required number of days at the dog pound than it would to forfeit the penalty. On the other hand, others have several dogs that they quite obviously care nothing for and they never even bother with a license.

The whole situation seems so very much out of line. I feel I could have saved the life of "Little One" even though he had distemper if I had been given the opportunity that was denied me. Can't something be done about this deplorable situation?

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Dulles Tribute

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—John Foster Dulles, from the moment he resigned as secretary of state because of his spreading cancer, belonged to history. What will history say of him?

It can never deny that this 71-year-old man gave to the service and welfare of his country tremendous and tireless dedication. He quit only because of the illness which incapacitated him.

But only unfolding events—history itself—can ever give a final answer to the central question of his stewardship: Was he a good secretary of state in the sense that the policy he pursued was wise?

His great task was dealing with communism. If his whole policy toward the world of the Soviets and Red Chinese were to be summed up in a single sentence, this could be it: "Hold tight and don't let them budge an inch."

This was exactly the "containment" policy of his predecessor, former Secretary of State Dean Acheson. It called for military alliances all around the Communist perimeter and economic help to friends and neutrals.

The purpose was direct, obvious and simple: to keep communism from gaining any more ground, militarily, economically or politically. It was essentially a defensive policy, not an aggressive one.

Dulles disagreed with it thoroughly in the 1952 presidential campaign before he became secretary. He called it "negative, futile and immoral." He said it was limited to reacting to Soviet actions. In short, he said the United States should create crises for the Soviet Union instead of letting the Soviet Union create crises for us.

But when he became secretary he took over the Acheson policy, made it his own, even expanded on it with new military alliances.

Yet Dulles had hardly taken office before Soviet policy changed, at least outwardly. Forty-four days after Dulles was sworn in, the old dictator, Joseph Stalin, died, and with him went the needlessly savage Soviet foreign policy.

His successors took a softer line although their purpose, and they made no bones about it, was the same: Communist expansion. They managed to increase their influence beyond their borders but American military alliances and power remained firm and the Soviets didn't gain an extra foot of real estate.

Yet, the Soviets and Red Chinese went ahead by leaps in their own internal development, particularly the Soviet Union in the field of weapons which put added pressure on the West to stand back. The cold war between East and West was just as intense when Dulles went to the hospital as when he took office six years ago.

This is why many years must pass before history can give a final verdict on the policy and wisdom of Dulles, for it will take many years and many events as they unfold to show:

1. Whether his policy led, or helped lead, to the ultimate ruin of the Soviet Union or to a peaceful understanding between East and West.

2. Whether, by the time he took office and Stalin died, the Acheson policy was outmoded and Dulles should have sought and pursued a different one of his own making, with more aggressiveness and less defensiveness, or with more friendliness and less hostility.

3. Whether the forces already let loose before he became secretary in 1953—ultimately favorable or unfavorable to the West—were already too powerful to be affected in their direction or destination by him or any one man.

4. Whether he was wise in depending so much on his own thinking or whether he should have made far greater use of the minds of the men around him in the State Department.

No one now—and certainly not Dulles, whose sense of history was too sharp for that—can claim to know positively the answers to the questions just raised. But no one can challenge this about him: he did his best as he saw it.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

HOWCUM DEPT. ZERO WEATHER, ALL SULTRY SUMMER HE BUNDLES UP IN SILK SHIRT AND LINEN KNICKERS...

NOW LOOK AT THE POOR BASEBALL UMP... ALL SULTRY SUMMER HE BUNDLES UP IN 30 LBS. OF DARK, HOT REGALIA...



GETS HIS MAN
BOURNEMOUTH, England (UPI) — Ted Palmer, who is 91, ran after and caught a pickpocket identified as Dugald MacAllister, aged 67.
"I wasn't going to let that youngster get away," Palmer said indignantly in court.

LARGEST IN WORLD
SCOTTSBORO, Ala. (UPI) — The world's largest steel pressure drum will be put in place at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Widows Creek steam plant near here Friday. Officials said it would take an hour to hoist the 198-ton pressure tank into place.

APPEAL PLANNED
DALLAS (AP)—Everett Norton plans to appeal a \$5 fine for illegal parking on his own parking lot. Police said Norton's car extended into a public walkway. Norton said the walkway actually is on his property.

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