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Big Meet

By BILL JENKINS

Harry Bolvin called the other day to tell us that the Oregon State Game Commission has, after a good deal of pressure from him, consented to hold a hearing in Klamath Falls. It has been slated for next Wednesday, May 27, and will be held at the Willard Hotel at 7 o'clock in the evening.

It is a meeting which should be well attended. If it isn't it is going to look pretty much to the commission as if one of two things are correct: (1) Nobody cares. (2) Everything is rolling along smooth and everyone is completely happy.

Now, of course, either of these two things could be true. But somehow I can't help doubting it. In the first place I'm pretty sure that there is a lot of interest in what is going on game-wise in the area. And if we were to believe even a small portion of what we hear then it would sound pretty much as if a lot of the sportsmen were up in arms all the time over something or other.

Well, here's a chance to get up and have our say. Before an official meeting, not just windmills around on the street corners or cussing the commission at a hot stove session.

Nothing will kill an area's chances as quick as seeming indifference.

Whether you like it or not, and whether anyone will admit it or not, the whole field has come into the scope of politics. And nothing sours the milk of politics as rapidly as an empty house.

I strongly urge that every sportsman, whether he's for or against the state regulations as currently interpreted, show up for this meeting.

Don't think for a minute that a big turnout won't impress the commission. And don't think that your say won't be listened to. It will.

Somebody must have been in one heck of a hurry.

Or else they had nothing to say. In the morning's mail the other day was a postcard addressed to the Herald and News Publishing Company and subsequently delivered to us. From Mesa, Arizona, yet.

On the reverse side was a big blank.

Whoever sent the card forgot what he was going to say before he got around to making out the letter side.

If I knew who had sent it I'd be glad to return it to Mesa so they could fill it out.

My curiosity is killing me.

Another card, full up on both sides, from Bob Norris who is up in Saskatchewan on a duck banding project.

He says that things are pretty dry up there, too.

Said they had had snow, wind and rain and at the moment it was clearing and colder.

Glad to hear from our boys wherever they are.

Circuit Chatter

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

There is no doubt that Klamath County has its troubles as regards taxes, hospital building, school budgets and other problems. However, it is not the only community so plagued.

It's helpful now and then to glance through other newspapers of the state and find out what local problems exist in other communities. It's surprising what you can find out.

On school budgets, Salem voters turned down the school budget by a smashing 7,083 to 3,151. The school budget committee whittled some \$170,000 off the budget after its defeat, but a special citizens committee recommended it be whacked \$403,620. The defeated budget called for a \$360 raise for teachers, the school budget committee pared this to \$300, but the citizens committee recommended only \$180.

At Eugene, reorganization of the Coburg School District into the Eugene school system was handed a setback at the polls by the narrow margin of eight votes. Odd thing, 86 and one-half per cent of the Coburg voters turned out, but only 2.35 per cent of the Eugene voters. Coburg voted 238 no and 161 yes on the plan, and Eugene 365 yes and 296 no. Final totals 584 no and 526 yes. Eugene has over 20,000 voters in this school district.

Speaking of taxes, the Grants Pass Daily Courier editorially had a worthwhile suggestion. It said, "An irate taxpayer called up to suggest it would be a good idea, what with all the picnics, trips out of town by school bands, etc. on tax money that a picnic or a

trip somewhere be staged for the taxpayers for a change."

On the more serious side, the same editorial suggested, "It isn't a bad idea to think about fixing it so only taxpayers can vote on matters having to do with increased valuation of property and consequent increased taxation."

We note that in Ashland, the city council adopted a resolution asking for federal funds to assist in building a new \$461,000 hospital. It would be financed by Hill Burton funds, the sale of the old hospital and a bond issue.

In Bend, speaking of hospitals, the Central Oregon District Hospital budget indicates that some \$44,293 will have to be raised in taxes during the coming year to support the hospital. Its estimated income is \$420,776 and the expenses total \$436,385.

Jail problems also plague other communities I find out. In Klamath Falls, the city budget calls for \$15,000 for prisoner meals. The city budgeted \$10,000 last year, and had to get an emergency appropriation of \$3,000 more to finish the year.

But up in Empire they have what they think is an answer. Lend an ear, municipal judge Humble. It takes a woman, too, to come up with a possible answer. Empire magistrate Mrs. Helen Bennett has laid down a new "get tough" policy for repeat offenders in the Empire jail. The new policy is bread and water for two of every three meals while in the jail.

Mrs. Bennett and police chief Milt Richter say the switch from regular food and meals to bread and water is another step in attempting to impress repeat offenders "that our jail is not such a nice place."

The police chief said, "We have a lot of guys out here who seem to think being in our jail is a real ball. A jail sentence and fine seems to have little effect. If this is not beneficial, we will try something else."

Might be something we could adopt, huh?

Or we might do as they do in Reedsport. They have a jail that provides only a drunk tank and two cells. Each cell equipped with two bunks, toilet and washbasin. Crude, true, but effective, I'll bet. Only one hitch, Reedsport now is making plans to build a jail to house 20 inmates. It will cost \$30,000.

All of which leads us to wonder if we don't make being in jail a little too attractive. Jails, I understand, were to punish offenders not pamper and provide for them.

Hope I never have occasion to regret these words.

Trailer Laws

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Under the laws of Oregon, you can't go around parking house trailers just anywhere. There are rules and regulations about them and pretty detailed ones, at that.

The influx of many trailers to this area is causing the Klamath County Health Department some concern. Many of them are being illegally parked in various places about the county.

In order to clarify the situation, the health department has issued this explanation: Owners of all property used for the parking of tourist trailers or mobile homes must obtain a license for a trailer park. In order to obtain this license from the Klamath County Health Department, there are certain minimum requirements outlined by law.

Applicants should first submit to the health department a detailed plot plan of the park showing

spacing, proper liquid and solid waste disposal, water supply and service buildings.

Where an occupied mobile home is located on the land owned by the occupant, safe and approved water supply and sewage disposal facilities must be provided.

With the widespread use of modern mobile homes by construction workers, members of the armed forces and others as temporary or permanent housing, it is of utmost importance that health department approval be obtained for the proposed location of the trailers. Under the law passed by the recent legislature, the renting of spaces for two or more trailers constitutes a trailer park and the owner of the property must be so licensed.

Dr. Seth M. Kerron, Klamath County health officer, has offered the full cooperation of his department in bringing about a more orderly development of trailer parking facilities throughout the county.

At present, numerous mobile homes in the county are located in violation of the law. These violations must be corrected. Dr. Kerron pointed out, and the law provides a method of legal action to insure that corrections are made.

Editor's Vacation

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Editor Roseburg News-Review Home again! The bed feels natural. The cooking is familiar. The easy chair fits.

But, without a vacation, how would we know it's so nice at home?

All kidding aside, we had a wonderful trip. Neither my wife nor myself care much for the fancy places. We don't enjoy big cities. We don't care for night clubs. We don't banker for highly touted eating places. But we do enjoy scenery, flowers, travel, and sights we have not seen previously. So, having covered approximately 4,000 miles, most of it over roads where we had not been before, we had a most enjoyable time.

We went through the extreme southeastern corner of Oregon, a state road through Nevada, by way of Winnemucca and Tonopah, to Las Vegas and Phoenix, Ariz., then through El Centro to San Diego, and back up the coast line.

From Morro Bay north we followed Highway 1 to the junction just south of Fort Bragg. Highway 1, for those who haven't made the trip, is an exceedingly beautiful drive. It is right on the coast. One sees marvelous seascapes rolling by, one after the other. Along the route lie sleepy fishing villages, quiet, restful vacation spots.

But don't take Highway 1 if you're in a hurry. It is no road on which to make speed. It is crooked, narrow, paved, often high always gorgeous.

We ran into a considerable amount of new construction. Apparently the State of California has plans to improve the route. I'm afraid that a good road will detract from the scenic values because most of us, when we get on a fast highway, try to make time, and as a result, can't look around.

My suggestion is, however, that you travel Highway 1 southward. If you've never made the trip, turn in from Willits to Noyo, then south to Morro Bay and rejoice Highway 101 at San Luis Obispo.

By going south you have all the turnouts on your side. Coming north, on a very winding road, you don't dare cross the road to a turnout on the left side. You can't see around the curve and there's often no place to stop while you walk around the point to see if it's safe to cross the pavement. And, if you enjoy scenery as I do, you'll want to stop often.

I'm glad we took a vacation at this time of year. Right now, I believe, is the ideal period to see the most of scenery.

Flowers are in bloom at all levels. Everything is wearing the green, reds, yellows and other colors of spring.

We saw carpets of flowers. We saw the bright colors of the desert country.

As we came north on the coast, we saw the change from the tropical and semi-tropical flowers of the warmer areas, to the rhododendrons, azaleas, dogwood, scotch broom, Irish furze and other brilliant flowers of our Northern California and Southern Oregon coast. Nothing we saw was more beautiful. We couldn't have chosen a time, I believe, when we would find more beauty on every hand.

It is a grand experience to take a vacation trip to adjoining states. It would be fun to visit all the states, and, for that matter, all the interesting spots in the world. But, when we come down to it, Oregon is one of most beautiful spots to be found anywhere, in my opinion, and has as much to offer in the way of natural recreation.

Anyway, it's good to be home again.

"Nowhere Bridge"

From the Bend Bulletin

The umpteenth million dollar boondoggle by which the last Oregon legislature voted to bond the state to pay for an uneconomical bridge across the Columbia River at Astoria has run into a snag.

According to terms of the bill, Oregon will go ahead and build the bridge if—and here's the problem—Washington is willing to meet half the deficit.

But, practically no one lives on the Washington side of the river where the bridge is supposed to end.

So, no one in Washington particularly gives a darn whether the bridge is built or not.

Besides, everyone in authority in Washington now discovers it is illegal for the state to enter into an arrangement to pay half the estimated huge deficits which the bridge will run up.

They're willing to talk it over with the Oregon Highway Commission—which no longer has an Astorian as a member—but don't hold out much hope that anything can be accomplished.

One member of the Washington group suggested—as did this newspaper and others while the Oregon legislature was in session—that the bridge could be built at one-half the previously-estimated cost if the location was moved upstream about 12 miles.

The river is not so wide there, and there is a midstream island to use for an anchor.

This, of course, then was unacceptable to supporters of the bridge.

The darned thing wouldn't be any good unless the toll gate was right in the middle of Astoria's main street, or real close to that point.

If the Washington people hold out for putting the bridge in a place where it might be cheap enough to build to make the project economically feasible, we imagine its Astoria supporters—the kind of people who put fish in cans, anyway—will lose much of their enthusiasm.

We hope they lose enough enthusiasm to drop the whole idea.

There are enough highway problems in the state now, without building a bridge to nowhere.

Quotes

United Press International GENEVA—Andrew Berding, U.S. delegation spokesman at the Big Four conference:

"We hope that the Soviet delegation will put forward next week some constructive new proposals that may serve as a basis for discussion."

WASHINGTON—The AFL-CIO, in objecting to the Senate-approved labor reform bill:

"In the name of democracy, the Senate bill denies to workers the right to determine democratically the way in which they would operate their own unions."

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — State Sen. E. O. Eddins, on the dispute over a children's book depicting the marriage of a white girl rabbit and a black boy rabbit:

"There are many other books of the same nature and others that are Communistic which should be burned as well."

DULUTH, Minn.—Tom O'Heir, head of the Duluth Crime Prevention Bureau, discussing regulations to keep teen-agers, mostly girls, from swarming aboard European ships sailing through the St. Lawrence Seaway:

"They're just romantic kids who want some foreign lovin'. We want to catch this in the bud before an international incident develops."

Insurance Rate Increase Scheduled July By SIAC

SALEM (AP)—The state Industrial Accident Commission announced Thursday it would increase its insurance rates in 149 classifications, and reduce them in 27. The changes will be effective July 1. The major increases are in general farming, from \$5.28 to \$8.79 per \$100 of payroll; Western Oregon logging, \$10.88 to \$14.17; Western Oregon sawmilling, \$5.78 to \$7.11; Eastern Oregon logging, \$7.17 to \$10.04, and plywood manufacturing \$2.15 to \$2.68. The rates are unchanged in 58 classifications. Rates were reduced in underground mining, aluminum manufacturing, glassware manufacturing, appliance repair, veterinary hospitals, and electric power plant operation.

Increases of 10 cents or less per \$100 of payroll were announced for fruit harvesting, machine shop, can manufacturing, newspaper publishing, road construction, sand and gravel plants, grain warehouses and elevators, retail and wholesale stores and waterworks operations.

William A. Callahan, chairman of the commission, said the increases are needed because the Legislature increased industrial accident benefits 6 per cent, because medical costs are increasing, and because there have been sharply rising loss ratios in many classifications.

He said the industrial accident fund is in good condition. But he pointed out that the commission has paid out more than it has received in 34 of the past 39 months.

Callahan said the commission lost \$3,463,000 in the 1957-58 fiscal year, but that losses in the current fiscal year will amount to \$1,700,000.



Annual Drive To Cut Funds Faces Big Test This Week

WASHINGTON (AP)—The annual House drive to cut President Eisenhower's money requests, currently a 290-million-dollar success, faces a crucial test this week. That 1 per cent cut may be tossed into reverse by bills to finance the Defense Department, the Commerce Department, and the public works programs. These measures, along with a bill to provide congressional operating funds are due to reach the House then.

The Senate Appropriations Committee did just that Thursday, adding \$35,061,600 to the amount the House voted for the Treasury and Post Office departments and the Tax Court.

The committee sent to the Senate a bill to provide \$4,628,097,000 to run the three agencies in the coming year. That still was \$25,168,400 less than Eisenhower asked.

The single exception to the House cutting drive was a bill providing \$3,367,969,681 for the Welfare Department and related agencies. This was \$181,348,300 more than the President requested.

This was more than counterbalanced by cuts of about 280 millions in two bills financing the Agriculture Department and a group of independent agencies whose funds are allotted in a single bill.

In all, the House this year has considered or has before it presidential requests for about \$20,300,000,000. It has approved about \$20,100,000,000 of this amount, assuming it follows the Appropriations Committee's recommendations for financing of the State and Justice departments which will be voted on this week.

Among them they call for the appropriation of between 40 and 50 billion dollars.

How closely Congress follows the President's recommendations on these bills will determine to a large extent the size of the federal budget for the fiscal year starting next July 1. The bills give Congress a direct control over spending. The control is not complete, however, since considerable spending comes from money provided in previous years and from nonappropriation bills allowing Treasury withdrawals.

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