

Editorial Page

Saluting Boy Scouts

Money may be a good medium of exchange, but it's a poor substitute when it comes to measuring the value of many things.

Particularly is it inadequate when it comes to measuring the value of the Boy Scouts of America program.

This past week has been Boy Scout week and many young men of our community have been wearing their uniforms to school and speakers have appeared before our service clubs, talking about the Boy Scout program.

As this special week comes to a close, it's vital that we take a look at this program which is, in reality, a program of the future.

We say "of the future" because its benefits are the kind that will pay big dividends in the future, when these young men become adults and take their place in the councils of our nation.

Here in Klamath County, we can be justly

proud of our Boy Scouts, the professional leaders and the many adult volunteers who make the program the success that it is.

In 1964 the Medoc Area Council which comprises Lakeview, Bend and other areas in addition to Klamath County, was second of the five Oregon councils in per cent of membership growth.

During 1964, the membership of Boy Scouts in Klamath County alone increased 7.2 per cent while the over-all council gain was a only 1.1 per cent.

About 1,800 boys in Klamath County are participating in the Boy Scout program directly. Its aims, its motives are to build men, its teachings are an uplifting voice for moral, personal cleanliness and reliance on God.

We take our hats off to this wonderful program for our youth; and only wish that every boy could have the advantage that Boy Scout training provides.

Taxing The Tourist

When the richest nation in the world must seriously consider penalizing any citizen who leaves the country as a tourist the sum of \$100, then things are in pretty bad shape.

What is in bad shape is not just the balance of payments situation, which is the reason behind the proposal. The common sense behind the proposal also seems subject to question.

An unfavorable balance of payments means that the U.S. is spending more abroad than it is taking in from abroad and that our gold supplies are being depleted steadily.

American tourists contribute to the deficit. The two million of them who went overseas last year spent about \$1 billion more than their foreign counterparts spent in this country. That amounts to about a third of the total balance of payments deficit.

The \$100 head tax is frankly designed to discourage Americans from going overseas and to reduce their spending there if they do go.

It has a certain paper logic. Even if no one is discouraged from going abroad, the tax

would bring in \$200 million, based on 1964's figures.

But tourist travel is more than a matter of X number of people on X number of ships and X number of planes, spending X number of dollars in X number of countries.

Such a tax could deny the retired couple who has been saving for years, or the young college student operating on a shoestring, the one opportunity they may ever have to "see the world."

The vast majority of travelers is not rich and \$100 could make the difference between going and not going on the dream adventure.

But subtract so many tourists from the X number and you subtract something more than money and people. You take away from the experience of the nation itself. To impose such a tax would be to put blinders on the nation at a time when it has raised itself to leadership of half the world.

The Russians do the same thing, of course. They always have. But they can get away with it, because over there the people aren't supposed to have anything to do with shaping the nation's policies.



RAY CROMLEY...

We Train'd Rebels Lead Fight In South

WASHINGTON (NEA) — In facing Viet Cong (first — last forces, the South Vietnamese and their U.S. advisers are dealing with units directed by professionals.

The "units" coming south from North Viet Nam include sizable numbers of officer and sergeant specialists in intelligence, counterintelligence, airborne tactics, amphibious landing, sabotage, logistics, the maintenance of "foreign" weapons and, of course, guerrilla warfare.

They include fateful of civil engineers, doctors, union organizers, policemen, editors, pharmacists and experts in psychological warfare.

Their importance lies less in numbers, more in the quality of many of these men North Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh is sending south.

Examination of the backgrounds and training of these cadres is one reason why many U.S. military men underline the importance of slowing traffic on the so-called Ho Chi Minh trails into South Viet Nam. This information also explains why staging barracks such as those at Dong Hoi were special targets of the U.S. and South Vietnamese retaliation air strikes.

The following cases are real. But all names used are fictitious to protect their families: Maj. Nguyen Xuan Ton, 35, commanding officer of the Viet Cong, 1st Battalion, joined the Viet Minh 20 years ago at the age of 15. He fought against the French until the end of the Indochina war in 1954, then moved north.

In North Viet Nam, he joined the Communist party, became an officer of the Peoples Army of North Viet Nam. Maj. Ton received orders in March, 1962, to move south. Late that month

he left Hanoi with the 600 men in his unit and joined up with the Viet Cong, 1st regiment in Central South Viet Nam.

Civilian radio technician Tran Dai Thanh, member of the North Viet Nam Communist party since 1955, was selected for assignment to the South in February, 1963.

Thanh infiltrated into South Viet Nam with a group of 70 civilian specialists, including doctors, pharmacists, union organizers, radio specialists, propagandists and youth organizers.

One of the infiltrators in Thanh's group was a man named Lam Dat Minh, publisher of the newspaper Labor of the Communist party. Another was a member of the City Soviet of Hanoi. The specialists in Thanh's group received three months of basic military training at Son Tay.

Their orders were to report to the Central Office of the Viet Cong in South Viet Nam where they would be assigned according to their individual specialties. Thanh and Minh were to help run a radio station of the Liberation Front.

Weapons technician Phan Huy Trang joined the Viet Minh in 1950, worked at a secret arsenal manufacturing crude weapons for guerrilla forces. He went to North Viet Nam in 1954, attended a technical school specializing in arms manufacture, received special training in "foreign" small arms and artillery.

At the end of 1962, Trang was ordered to Hanoi to attend a special course of training in preparation for infiltrating into South Viet Nam. On completing the training course he was assigned to a group of 14 men who would move south together. The group included four armaments specialists, two chemical engineers and eight middle-level technical cadre. They

Letters To The Editor

Salesmanship

I was interested in the guest editorial by the president of the chamber of commerce, suggesting ways for the people of Klamath Falls to improve the "livability" of the community, promote a favorable "image," and insure the businessman a profit.

The editorial suggested that the people of Klamath Falls beautify the city — paint up, clean up, repair.

People in a new town may notice the general appearance of it, but they also react to the treatment they are given.

Many people in our county drive many miles to pick up needed items. We nearly always go home without some of them, or with a poor substitute. Sometimes we're plain disgusted with the lack of courtesy on the part of a few sales clerks.

The merchant who sells and repairs the brand of washer I own has been a spook for it, which I could understand fairly well. But the thing that irritated was the fact that he hadn't the vaguest idea where, or if one could be found. I finally located one in a local electrical store.

I realize it seems like the merchant would make a bigger profit by making it next to impossible for the layman to repair his own appliances, but when they do finally wear out the courteous clerk has a sale made. We live an 80-mile round trip from town, and counting the mileage and labor it cost a neighbor \$30 to have her refrigerator repaired. It took the repairman three trips to find the trouble.

A neighbor and I took some TV tubes in to check, and one turned out to be a little different. The clerk became very ex-

asperated with us for bringing in the unusual tube and refused to be bothered with it. We went elsewhere, and it was no bother at all.

It's discouraging to go from store to store spending hours looking for something. Like the time I was looking for blue slipcover material. After hours of looking, I would have gladly settled for anything so long as the time I was looking for blue slipcover material. After hours of looking, I would have gladly settled for anything so long as the time I was looking for blue slipcover material. After hours of looking, I would have gladly settled for anything so long as the time I was looking for blue slipcover material.

Some of the salespeople are so pleasant that we find ourselves returning time and time again. Sometimes they amaze you in how far they'll go to find something you need. I've heard many comments that I make it clear that these people make a definite impression on the newcomer and the older resident alike.

Virginia Kent,

Route 1, Box 45,

Bonanza.

Public Meetings

At the city council meeting, Feb. 1, according to the paper, Mayor Veatch issued a statement that "henceforth, a non-resident of the City of Klamath Falls, will be heard at a general public hearing only after submitting a letter of request to be heard at least one week prior to the date of the hearing and stating the nature of the subject matter to be discussed."

Presumptively, this was brought about by the previous large turn out of citizens. I feel it is correct to assume that this large turn out was due to the dissatisfaction of these same citizens with some of the previous decisions of this same

council. I also feel this decision to bar non-residents is probably pointed directly at me! At the meeting of the "large turn out" I attended as a representative of The Klamath County Taxpayers League. Even though I happen to live outside the city limits, most of the members are city residents and as their representative I believe I have the right to be heard. I consider this issue comes under "Freedom of Speech" and I also feel I have been discriminated against unjustly. I am sure I conducted myself as a gentleman at this meeting even though I was not treated as such. I was pushed toward my seat by the city attorney and the mayor shouted "stay in your seat or be evicted from the room." I do not believe there was provocation for this kind of conduct. Is this a government by the people or by dictum?

Freedom of speech is one of our fundamental rights and no person or group has the right to infringe upon or abridge this privilege. According to the news, Mrs. Mark Hatfield, our First Lady of State, is also last night's right to freedom of speech!

Are these latest rules of the city council the wishes of the citizens? Is it their money they are spending or is it yours. Andrew R. Giegler, 429 South Sixth.

Most public bodies have growing rules for hearing their constituents. The mayor believed the plan he released last week in the press was an equitable one.—Editor

Streets

Before our "illustrious" street department tears up, widens or improves any more streets, I wonder if they have time to repair the one they improved (?) at Eleventh and Pine.

Donna DeBorlto,

1843 Oregon Ave.

Movie Ads

I would like to say Francis Berger's letter in reference to the movie advertisement is better than that which I agree very much with him. It isn't

PHIL NEWSOM ...

U.S. Voices Policy In Bombing Of North

The United States, to the world and specifically to the Soviet Union, has declared its policy, clearly has stated its hope that there be no extension of the war in Viet Nam.

President Johnson has declared the U.S. air strikes against North Vietnamese staging and supply areas a response "appropriate and fitting" to the Hanoi-ordered attack on an American compound in South Viet Nam in which eight Americans died.

In the United Nations, U.S. chief delegate Adlai Stevenson declared that "our objective is a peaceful settlement."

Chinese Show Caution Yet it was clear that, militarily, the answer would lie less with the Communist North Viet Nam capital of Hanoi than with Peking, 2,000 miles to the north.

As to the chances of a negotiated settlement, Peking also would have a hand as would Moscow now believed counseling the North Vietnamese that slower methods would in the end be more effective in their cause.

Despite many bellicose statements that "aggression against North Viet Nam is aggression against China," the Red Chinese have shown remarkable caution in avoiding a direct clash with the United States in Southeast Asia.

Beginning last May, the Chinese issued numerous emphatic warnings against any U.S. air strikes on the Ho Chi Minh Trail which is a Communist supply route between North and South Viet Nam by way of Laos.

Back Away

But when the action came, they backed away. They failed similarly to react against the U.S. air strike in the Gulf of Tonkin last August.

Nonetheless any major action in North Viet Nam is considered to carry with it far greater risks of involvement with the Red Chinese than in Laos.

Since August, the Chinese are reported to have transferred to the Hanoi area at least 36 obsolescent MIG jet fighters believed to be flown by North Vietnamese pilots.

In all their various warnings, the Chinese have given no hints

Almanac

By United Press International Today is Sunday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 1965 with 320 to follow.

The moon is approaching its full phase.

The morning star is Mars. The evening star is Jupiter.

These born today are under the sign of Aquarius. American sufferage leader Anna Howard Shaw was born on this day in 1847.

On this day in history:

In 1968, the West Coast citrus industry was born when the first trainload of oranges left Los Angeles for eastern markets.

Our Readers Write

that we go to see the movies — we don't; but it's disgusting to open the paper and see some of those headlines and pictures.

I do wish that your newspaper wouldn't publish the advertising if nothing else can be done. I just hope the theater management can do something. I realize it is not their fault. The public is the one at fault. Maybe they'll realize that someday.

Thank you for doing your part.

Mrs. Sam Carleton, Tulalee, Calif.

Suburban High Water

I believe that the people of Klamath Falls and the Suburban Area should be correctly informed of the cause of the large lake that has formed east of the railroad in the vicinity of Washburn Way and Laverne Street. A stretch of Washburn Way has been under water and Laverne Street was covered in one spot for several days. This "lake" has diminished in size and depth only slightly and will continue to exist as long as Lake Ewanna remains at its present height or until pumped down as planned.

In an article in this paper shortly after the storm, the city manager, quote, "pegged the source of flooding of city properties during the recent storms as runoff from the unincorporated south suburban area, and etc." unquote.

"The Sanitary District Sewer lagoons are not flooding. They are functioning normally and are discharging only treated effluent, as they have done since placed in operation. The area which the County shortly after the storm, the city manager, quote, "pegged the source of flooding of city properties during the recent storms as runoff from the unincorporated south suburban area, and etc." unquote.

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normally drains into Lake Ewanna by way of two culverts beneath the Southern Pacific tracks and yards. These culverts were installed when the railroad originally put in the fill on which the tracks are built. These pipes normally handle the drainage. They could handle it now if the level of Lake Ewanna was normal. The County Civil Defense plans to block the culvert under the tracks and pump the water across to the other or west side.

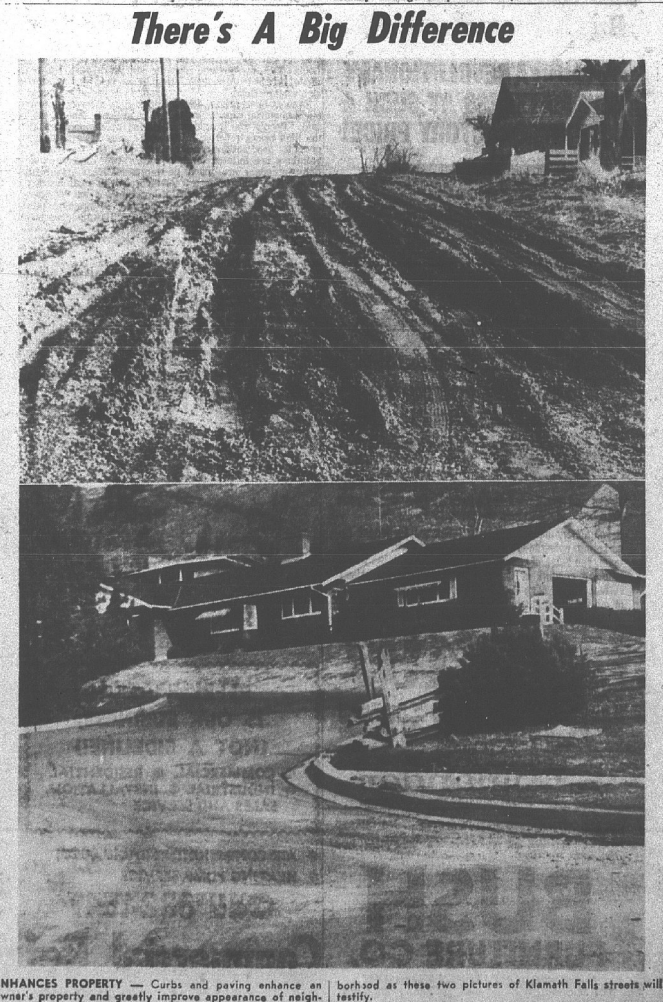
The presence of this "lake" that now exists is not the responsibility of the Suburban Area nor of the Sanitary District. It is caused, first, by the high level of Lake Ewanna, and secondly because too much natural drainage originated in the city of Klamath Falls as well as the suburbs and from the surrounding hills.

M. D. Gunderson,

3330 Shasta Way.

In a letter to county commissioners Jan. 15, City Manager Bob G. Kyle discussed the building of water, and said: "the city storm drainage of this area normally discharges through pumps into existing ditches and then to Lake Ewanna. The high runoff from the surrounding area and through the misincorporated south suburban areas has completely inundated the flat lands lying east of Southern Pacific main line and between South Sixth Street and the Great Northern yards. The building of surface water in this latter area is such that it flows back into the city, causing damage to properties both public and private, along the south side of South Sixth Street."

Kyle suggested that the permanent solution to the problem lies in installation of drainage facilities in the south suburban area—either by formation of a suburban drainage district, assumption of drainage responsibility by the suburban sanitary district, construction of facilities by the county government, or annexation of the suburban area into the city to allow the city government to handle the problem.—Editor



ENHANCES PROPERTY — Curbs and paving enhance an owner's property and greatly improve appearance of neighborhood as these two pictures of Klamath Falls streets will testify.