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From This Corner . . .

By T.M.B.

It is estimated that Oregon's labor force will grow 20 percent in the next 10 years. That in turn means more capital will be needed to buy tools and equipment. At the present time it requires an average of \$17,000 per worker. With inflated prices, and still rising, there's no telling what the figure will be at the end of the 10-year period. The "creeping" inflation may be in a "gallop" by then.

Occasionally we learn that we have talked too much . . . Our trouble is that we always find out too late. If we could just remember that "he who fights and runs away, will live to RUN another day."

Misery does love company . . . That keeps a lot of us from being lonely.

The December American Press told of a man being arrested about three-quarters of a century ago as a schemer who said voices could be carried over wires called a telephone. His name was Joshua Coppersmith of New York. Now they are carried over a lot of back fences.

Judge G. Y. Chester says he is not running for office this year but that he has not lost interest in who is elected.

We have an unusual situation in our county office aspirants in that two brothers would like to make it a family affair in the coming election. Seems like there is no lack of confidence!

Fifty-five people died in Oregon smashups last month—the worst December toll since 1946. The 1959 yearly death count reached an all-time high at 487—five more than the 1946 record. Of the December total Nyssa was listed as the home of two, Jimmy Marez and Norma Jean Niccum.

There were two others during the year—Marshall and a non-resident at the north edge of town. Weiser reported in Tuesday's paper that it had finished its seventh year without a traffic death although the number of investigations of traffic violations had increased considerably over the years.

"If you want the world to beat a path to your door, just lie down for a nap!"

What's in a Name?

Recently ran across the hearing order on the Malheur HOME Telephone company showing that 99.99 percent of the stock was owned by the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company, a Colorado corporation.

We doubt that Labor Secretary Mitchell did Nixon any favor when he gave him credit for settling the steel strike. Nixon may be called on to modestly deny this if it becomes apparent that it is a hindrance in his election cause.

Organized labor got its big impetus under the Roosevelt administration . . . It got too big for its britches and the last session of congress passed legislation to curb it . . . Then the Republican leaders came along with governmental blackmail to give them another big boost. (It is no longer strange how the welfare of the people is sacrificed by politicians.)

If you like basketball and wish to be highly entertained.

see the Harlem Globetrotters in action at Boise Junior college on Jan. 27.

Veterinarians say it is possible to inject air or paraffin into the flanks of beef animals to improve their appearance. That reminds us of the recent article on widespread cheating among college students . . . It is so prevalent in some colleges that it is doubtful if tests show any indication of knowledge.

Got a recent letter from Rockefeller for President Information Center mailed from New York five days after his announced withdrawal. Guess he must have had some poor losers who don't know when to quit!

Discussion Groups On Foreign Policy Now Being Set Up

Anyone interested in learning more about America's foreign policy will have ample opportunity during the months ahead.

Many Oregon librarians are already gathering books relating to foreign policy topics that will be discussed by Great Decisions study groups in February and March. Co-chairmen of Oregon's Great Decisions program are Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant director of Oregon State College extension service, and Dr. Charles Dean, Great Decisions representative for the Institute of International Affairs, general extension division, state system of higher education.

They report that although local discussion groups are just now being formed in each county, librarians are getting ready early in anticipation of requests for material about the eight discussion topics: Communist Timetable for 1960; Divided Europe; Red China on the March; Chances for India's Middle Way; Hope for Stability in the Middle East; Goals for Africa's New Leaders; Cuba's Revolution, and U. S. Global Strategy.

The organization behind Great Decisions, which has been offered nationally for the past six years, is the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), a 42-year-old national educational agency. Its purpose is to help people understand critical international issues facing the American government and people. FPA is nonpartisan, nongovernmental and nonprofit. It is supported mainly by contributions and foundation grants. The FPA prepares fact sheets for participants.

In Oregon, Great Decisions is co-sponsored by Oregon State College extension service and the general extension division of the state system of higher education in cooperation with the FPA, the state department of education, state library, and some 25 statewide organizations.

Further information about the 1960 Great Decisions program is available from county Great Decisions chairmen and county extension agents.

FURLOUGH ENDS

Pfc. Bob Dennis will leave today for Poulso, Wash., after spending a two weeks' furlough with his mother, Leona Dennis and other relatives in this area.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this opportunity to thank my many friends for the gifts, flowers and messages of cheer sent to me during my recent hospitalization and illness.
—Mrs. Wyatt Smith.

Four-Year College Openings Available

Vacancies for more than 46,300 freshmen on 274 college campuses will be available at the beginning of the January semester, according to an exclusive survey conducted among four-year accredited colleges by Changing Times and published in the current issue of the magazine.

The 407 questionnaires returned to the magazine showed that 260 schools could have accepted more than 36,500 additional freshmen this past autumn. About 24 per cent of the openings were for resident students, the remainder for day students.

Colleges that responded to the questionnaire are taking around 12,000 sophomore and some 11,000 junior transfers this year. The same colleges expect to take around 13,700 sophomore and 14,600 junior transfers next year. Generally, the magazine noted, colleges, especially technological and engineering schools, are becoming more and more interested in accepting transfers in the upper classes.

The survey revealed that typical annual expenses in colleges queried run between \$1,300 and \$1,600 for a student living at school, and between \$500 and \$700 for a day student.

Officials reported that there are two main reasons why students fail to get into college: Their academic records are poor or they spend too little effort choosing a place to attend.

The magazine noted that many colleges with openings this year will be good bets for next year, but warned that a college with room cannot be expected to take an applicant who is not qualified.

Among the nearly 300 colleges reporting vacancies were Purdue, University of Wyoming, Drexel, Wayne, Western Reserve (room for day students), Lake Forest, Clark, Yankson, Lawrence (room for day students), St. Olaf and Hiram.

A list of all the colleges and the amount of space they have is available for 25 cents from Changing Times Reprint Service, 1729 H Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

OS Reports Record Call for Graduates In Teaching Fields

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Biggest call for teacher graduates in history was received last year by the Oregon State College school of education with the demand exceeding the supply in almost all fields.

A report prepared by Mrs. Kathryn Smith, director of the teacher placement office, shows 283 June graduates were placed in their first teaching positions and 230 graduates of past years were placed in new and better teaching jobs, some in administrative posts.

Beginning salaries averaged between \$4100 and \$4600, with \$5772 as the top starting figure.

Nearly 200 school administrators from Oregon, California, Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii came to the campus for interviews with teacher candidates, Mrs. Smith reported. All told, more than 7,000 teacher vacancies were listed during the year with the teacher placement office. The majority were for elementary teaching positions. The number of requests for college teachers was up over previous years.

Most calls at OSC from high schools were for teachers of home economics, girls physical education, mathematics, science, industrial arts and business subjects. A great many calls were received

also, Mrs. Smith noted, for graduates prepared to do special-type teaching, such as speech correction work, remedial reading, or working with retarded children. Foreign language teachers also are in short supply. Elementary schools are seeking more young men teachers.

About three-fourths of the OSC graduates are staying in Oregon to teach but opportunities in other states attracted a big group of teachers again this year. The OSC placement office also helped graduates get teaching jobs in Alaska, France, Guam, Hawaii, Canada and England.

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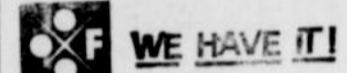
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THE PROBLEM

We in Oregon are faced with an ever-mounting increase in the rate of crime and delinquency. As a corollary to this increase, there is a public outcry for more criminal laws and stricter punishment of violators. The pendulum of public opinion seems to be swinging back toward a "get tough" policy. Objections are made to "coddling" of delinquents. Citizen groups are organizing to seek new methods of dealing with sex criminals, obscene literature, and other practices that tend to incite law violations. Related to this subject there is at present a legislative interim committee preparing bills to tighten our law enforcement procedures.

THE COST

Crime in America is increasing more than five times faster than the population, according to the latest FBI statistics. Youths account for an alarming percentage of major crimes; for example, 64 percent of arrests for auto thefts and 49 percent of those for burglary. Crime now is costing every man, woman and child in Oregon an estimated \$500 a year. Our present costly system has hundreds of young offenders treadmill endlessly in and out of our courts, jails and prisons. By the time they have been in courts and jails a half dozen times, these youths have cost the taxpayers more than it would cost to send them to college, not to mention the human cost in wasted young lives.

SOME QUESTIONS

What can we do about it? Are we overlooking something in our present approach to the problem? Catching and punishing offenders has its value, but in the light of statistics it has not given us the answer. Are we limited to treating the crime disease only after it attacks the body politic, or can we do more in the field of preventive medicine, so to speak?

Just as the public health service is dedicated to anticipating and preventing disease, could those who are vitally interested in the preservation of law and order, in justice, and in a better life for individual citizens, find ways to prevent delinquency and crime before it becomes established?

A SUGGESTION

The State Department of Justice proposes to sponsor a one-day statewide conference on crime prevention in Salem Feb. 16. Purpose of this conference will be to appraise the adequacy of our crime prevention efforts and find out how we can improve them. Public leaders from around the state with specialized training and experience to offer are invited to participate.

A major goal would be recommendations for practical and feasible action on state, county and city levels. Each person participating would be asked for a brief (5 to 10 minute) presentation outlining suggestions. An evaluation committee would coordinate these proposals in a written report and submit the results to the members for endorsement.

—ROBERT Y. THORNTON
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