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**LETTERS
to the Editor**

**Unity of Churches to
Combat Excesses of
Amusement Favored**

I would like to tell, before I forget, how much I enjoyed the parade put on by the Churches of Roseburg the Saturday before Christmas.
It gave me a real thrill to see such a large number of organizations who were not ashamed to band together publicly (at least temporarily) and parade in honor of Him who came to bring good and "in Whom was found no guile." It was a good parade. It was not hard to tell what season of the year it was by watching it. I watched the Easter parade last spring and, although I might have missed it, and I surely must have, I never saw anything in the parade that gave a clue to the day it was held in honor of.

Still, as I watched the parade of the Churches I couldn't help but realize the good that could come about if they were to band together permanently; if they were to pool their strength, their finances and their talents, how much more could be accomplished. What a feeling of confidence it would inspire in the average citizen if, instead of clinging to the pet theories, private interpretations, determinations of each sect to believe, that it alone had "the faith once delivered unto the saints," they were to band together with a determination to believe the whole truth, regardless of whether it conflicted with what they had been taught. Then the church might become a competitor to the various places of amusement that claim the cream of the nation as their patrons.

While America is still a splendid nation, one has only to compare the permanency of the Churches with the crowds that throng the theater, the dance halls and other places of amusement to realize that we have become a nation of people who are "lovers of pleasure more than the lovers of God," although I admit that attendance at a church is not a sure sign of a love of God, or neighbor.

But there is no denying that people are pleasure bent—thrill hunters who must be constantly entertained. Many are bound to have whatever they imagine will please them even at the expense of home, friends, loved ones and decent behavior.

It is a challenge to the churches. So much has been said lately about compulsory arbitration. I think it would be a good idea to require the heads of churches to meet several times a year to try to iron out the differences between them to show that they were at least trying to become a "house united."

So I say, let's have more parades, more occasions to show that the churches are interested in each other, because who will believe the church is interested in them when they are not in each other. Only by united efforts can they become a competitor to those whose shingle reads "Dine, Drink and Dance," but whose fruits are delinquency, divorce and despair. Here's to the things which promote the belief that "Godliness with contentment is great gain."
WILBUR WILLIAMS,
Sutherlin, Ore.

**Fishing Views Aired
From Sad Experience**

Allow me to express my interest and pleasure in reading your views on affairs, especially on fishing. I notice that the Rod and Gun Club wants to conserve salmon, and has suggested various ideas, one in particular to limit their take.

I wonder how many of those fellows ever caught three salmon in a day. As a rule a fisherman is such a liar that if he catches one it's a gunny sack full. Others who fall for that stuff, get the idea of having more officers to enforce the law. I can truthfully say I've fished about 16 days this salmon season and caught about six fish. I have taken out eight different parties from Eugene and one fish was caught.

We poor saps buy a boat, trailer, motor and equipment and get "skunked" days in succession, while the commercial fisherman catches tons.

I know many of the commercial fishers. Some this year would catch around 10 to 1200 pounds per night. Most of those boys live along the river, farm and keep cows and fish simply because it's easy money, several hours before

ANNEXATION PROBLEMS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Residents of the Riverside area, suburban district immediately north of Roseburg, are considering a request for annexation to the City of Roseburg. This is an action already too long delayed, but apt to be still further postponed unless the current session of the state legislature, together with the voters of the state, provides amendment to the state's archaic 6 per cent budget limitation law.

If the City of Roseburg should seem reluctant to enter into annexation proceedings hurriedly, it is not because of any lack of desire to embrace the district and extend the city boundaries. It is, rather, a problem of finance resulting from continuance of a law which is a most serious barrier to expansion and development.

The Riverside community is face-to-face with a sanitary problem. Congestion is such that sanitary sewers must be installed immediately as a safeguard to health. Through annexation the district could take advantage of bonding provisions, the city's disposal plant and municipal services. Annexation would be less complicated and probably less expensive than setting up a separate sanitary district.

This problem is not exclusively confined to the Riverside area. Sections of West Roseburg are in a more acutely pressing situation than Riverside. A most critical health menace exists. Other rapidly expanding suburban districts abutting the city limits should be brought into the municipality.

But the City of Roseburg cannot afford to extend its boundaries as long as the 6 per cent amendment to the state constitution remains in its present form.

This limitation permits the city to increase its tax budget only 6 per cent annually IN DOLLARS. There is no provision whereby the tax base may be increased in proportion to assessed valuation.

Let's assume, for sake of illustration, that Roseburg's assessed valuation amounts to \$4 million, while the Riverside area has a valuation of \$1 million. Through annexation Roseburg's valuation would be increased to \$5 million. But instead of permitting a 20 per cent increase in tax base, the city still would be restricted to a 6 per cent increase in the amount of tax dollars to be raised for purposes of administration. Thus, if the city's budget amounted to \$100,000, only \$6,000 could be levied as additional tax, despite the greater assessed valuation, increased population, and enlarged demand for municipal services.

Obviously, until the budget limitation is amended, the City of Roseburg is effectively barred from absorbing abutting suburban areas, so seriously in need of municipal organization and service.

Annexation would require the city to provide additional police and fire protection, installation and maintenance of street lighting, and other expensive services. Property owners are required to pay for sewer installation, street paving, sidewalk construction and other such permanent improvements. But, after cost of first construction has been paid by the property, the city is charged with expense of maintenance. The City of Roseburg cannot assume this financial burden unless it can add to its income.

The 6 per cent limitation law was a good measure at the time of its adoption in 1916. It has many advantages as a protection against tax abuses when community growth is normal. But it is a most serious detriment to expansion and development when growth is at an abnormal rate. It handicaps every governmental unit and is detrimental rather than beneficial to the taxpayer.

The current legislature is expected to consider revision of the law. Because the limitation is imposed by constitutional amendment, the legislature probably will be required to submit any proposed change to a vote by the people of the state.

It is to be hoped that an act permitting more flexibility in our tax program, yet protecting against extravagance, will result, and that municipalities will be freed of difficulties now preventing extension of benefits to abutting areas. Suburban communities adjacent to the City of Roseburg are most seriously in need of consolidation with the municipality. The menace to health and property already is critical. Procedure to permit extension of the city's boundaries to those areas in need of municipal services is of greatest necessity.

12 P. M. The take this year at Cushman for the C. R. P. Assn. was about normal, 20,000 tons.

Doesn't look necessary that a sports fisherman should cut his limit when he isn't able to get a limit. If they wish to conserve fish, why not get to the place where it's necessary? When fishermen fight a blaze, they do not look for fallen soaks.

Trollers fish at the mouth of both rivers, Umpqua and Siuslaw, instead of staying at a 3 mile limit. Are the fish commissioners interested? NO, nothing done about it and fish only 14 to 12 inches are brought in.

At the time the vets were trying to get homes and material at Roseburg, the boys who ran the showhouse at the Lion's Den were given a priority of \$17,000 to rebuild.

Why don't the Fish Commission take over all places where sea lions congregate and allow some of us to take everyone that enters? They eat plenty of salmon. I saw one with a chinook this year eating it head first. His tail seemed a foot across. And they are protected in Lane County, so I understand.

The Fish Commission know where the fish are taken and it isn't the poor sucker who fishes and fishes in rain.
E. B. FOSSEK,
Gardiner, Ore.

**Train Service Lack
Branded 'Disgrace'**

As a newcomer in Douglas County, I am shocked at the condition of transportation furnished by the Southern Pacific. No passenger train connection between Roseburg and Medford with San Francisco is a disgrace. The Southern Pacific has a very prof-

**Rapidly Growing
Club Plans to Buy
Third Airplane**

By ROYAL S. DENTON

Rapid growth since inception of the Umpqua Flying Club from 34 charter members to the present enrollment of 70 is bringing about the purchase of the club's third airplane, a two-place Cessna, and openings for 30 new members.

The great enthusiasm for flying has brought the club's membership up to a representative cross-section of nearly every activity in Douglas County, including several high school students.

While many of the members are taking flying lessons or continuing their membership purely for pleasure, numerous others make regular use of their aerial talents in business trips throughout Oregon.

More than half of the present members have soloed in the club under instructor George Feit and 20 have private licenses, giving them an Aeronautics permit to perform flights at their own discretion.

Adopting the motto, "Take It Easy," upon forming the club, the organization has the reputation of never having a mishap or injury due to flying.

Flying Rights Gained

The club's first airplane was purchased in February, 1946, followed by increased membership which brought about the buying of a second plane the following July. The new Cessna, now being sought at Eugene, will enable members to perform cross-country flights as desired. Members will now be able to fly at the basic cost of fuel and use of equipment.

Several members have purchased their own private airplanes since joining the club, either individually or by groups of flying enthusiasts.

Persons interested in joining this organization may apply for membership from any of the club's officers, President Ira Byrd, Vice-president Paul Lund, Treasurer Carl Muller or Secretary Marian Garty.

The organization meets the first Tuesday of each month in the council chamber in the Roseburg City Hall.

**Douglas County Gets
Publicity in Magazine**

By ROYAL S. DENTON

Three prominent Roseburg alumni, Douglas County fishing and logging resources, and a list of alumni and former students of the University of Oregon are featured in two full pages of January's issue of Old Oregon, monthly publication of the Alumni Association of the University of Oregon.

Stories appear with photographs of Mayor Albert G. Fiegel, Superintendent of Schools Lula Craig Correll and U. S. Representative Harris Ellsworth. They are headed "Outstanding Roseburg Alumni," and with outlined data of their lives, political careers and university affiliations.

Douglas County scenic illustrations head a list of 180 alumni and former students of the institution now residing within the county, with the caption, "Proclaiming that 'It's fun to live in the Umpqua Valley' Douglas County citizens live up to their slogan. The scenery is grand, the climate makes living fun. Truly a combination that assures happiness unlimited."

**'Leave Town' Orders
Given Pair of 'Drunks'**

Donald P. Crawford, 26, 307 S. Main St., was fined \$30 for drunkenness and disorderly conduct Monday by City Recorder Geddes. The fine was suspended on condition that he "leave town," Geddes said.

Jack R. Morton, Sutherlin, was fined \$15 for reckless driving. Joe Cooper, transient, was ordered to "leave town" on dismissal of a drunkenness charge against him. Charles Taylor, 320 W. Cass St., forfeited \$15 bail on the charge of drunkenness in a public place. Geddes also reported.

**C. of C. Banquet Seats
May Be Reserved by Phone**

Reservations for the Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held Monday, January 27, in the dining rooms of the First Methodist Church, may be made by telephone, it was stated by Harold J. Hickerson, secretary-manager. Reservations are limited to 200 persons. It is desired that all reservations be made by Friday.

Union Opposes 'Commies'

ASTORIA, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The CIO's Northwest Oregon Political Action Committee reaffirmed its stand against permitting Communists to hold PAC office.

The CIO Longshore Union local had protested the stand as discrimination.

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- 2:00—Say It With Music.
- 2:30—Arise the County, International News Events.
- 2:45—Tom Mix, Halston Parina.
- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Ben Hur Productions.
- 4:15—New Miller, Nabisco.
- 4:30—Dance Tunes, Hughes' Greyhound Restaurant.
- 4:45—Huck Rogers, General Foods.
- 5:00—Hemingway at Five, J. A. Folger.
- 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's.
- 5:20—Captain Midnight, Wander Co.
- 5:35—James Cagney, Wildcat Parina.
- 5:50—Gabele Heister, Healthdays.
- 6:15—Musical Interlude.
- 6:25—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co.
- 6:30—Treasure Hour of Song.
- 7:00—Hollywood Salute to the March of Dimes.
- 7:30—Wish in the Country, Emsery Insurance.
- 8:00—Sound Off.
- 8:30—California Melodies.
- 8:45—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs.
- 9:00—Sala de Concerto, E. G. High.
- 9:15—Duke Burgess, Orch.
- 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Hansen Tires.
- 10:15—Nocturne.
- 10:30—Country Club, Lawson's.
- 11:00—Sign Off.

**Show at Armory
Legion's Plan for
Clubhouse Funds**

Raising of funds for building an all-veteran clubhouse by Umpqua Post, 16, American Legion, will be initiated by a re-enactment of the "Days of '49" at the Roseburg Armory February 21-22 with door prizes to include 1946 models of a Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedan, Magnovox radio-phonograph and a Westinghouse refrigerator.

With a program featured as "all the rip-roarin' fun of the Days of '49," the Legion has arranged a variety of entertainment in order as well as numerous games, unlimited amounts of hard-to-get foods and sidishow features.

Commander Eugene Springer explained that while it is inadvisable at present to begin building the proposed veterans' home, the local post already has the grounds and hope to raise 50 per cent of the entire building cost through the benefit program, and provide for mortgage for the balance. Actual construction will be held off until building costs lower and materials become more available, but Springer explained, this seems to be the right time to start raising the funds for the future project.

The Days of '49' committee includes all members of the Legion post, Springer said, and all are charged with the responsibility of selling tickets for the affair. Tickets are \$1.00 each and include admission as well as eligibility for door prizes.

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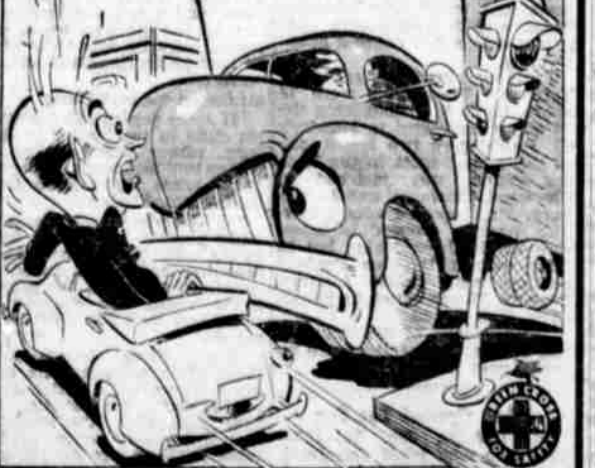
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