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MODERN ATHLETIC PLANT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Roseburg's Finlay Field is beginning to take on the appearance of a really modern, first-class athletic plant. The Umpqua Chiefs will dedicate their new baseball diamond Thursday in the first night baseball game to be played in Roseburg. The baseball and softball fields are to be separated and both will be improved. The Senior High School Indians will have a turf practice field for their football season. Jim Mess, property custodian for the Roseburg school district, has built a new main entrance to the field, is completing a new building for use by the school band, planning the building so that it will fit into the athletic program, and is preparing to build aluminum-roofed bleacher seats for the south side of the football field.

Considerable work remains to be done before the athletic installation is complete. More lights on taller poles are needed for the football field. More bleacher seats and a grandstand should be placed on the south side of the gridiron. The grandstand needs a new roof. Mess is preparing to clean and paint the grandstand. The softball field will need new bleachers, as the seats have been taken to the new baseball diamond. The running track around the football field needs revamping. Other improvements and additions are in contemplation. With continued cooperation and support the field will be an important future asset in athletics and entertainment.

The Umpqua Chiefs and their backers are to be commended for the fine new baseball field which they will dedicate Thursday night. Fans should show their appreciation by a big turnout for this first baseball game under lights. While night softball games have been seen here for a number of years, the installation has not been sufficient for hardball. The new field will be as brilliantly lighted as a major league park.

While we realize that some people do not approve of beer taverns and pool halls, nevertheless one must applaud the civic spirit demonstrated by proprietors of these businesses who have combined their contributions to make the new baseball field possible. There seems to be a definite relationship between beer and baseball—witness the stock ownership by brewers and brewing interests in organized ball. Roseburg tavern proprietors have pooled their contributions, which amount to several thousands of dollars, to finance installation of lights, grading and filling a complete new diamond, setting up stands and backstops and laying the foundation for one of the best diamonds in Southern Oregon. Eventually the field will be turf, permanent stands constructed and other improvements made. At present the field is not perfect. Being newly constructed, it has not had time to pack sufficiently and will have a few soft spots. But after a few weeks of maintenance it will be highly satisfactory. Fans owe a vote of thanks to the men who have made the improvement possible, for if Roseburg is to maintain its place as the trade center for its area, it must, first of all, be the entertainment center. The new baseball diamond will produce dollars for every business in the city.

In considering athletic improvements, highest commendation is due the City of Drain and the neighboring City of Yoncalla for that wonderfully fine North Douglas Living Memorial. We doubt if any community in the United States the size of Drain has a finer set-up or can show a better record of civic enterprise and cooperation. Imagine, if you will, an average financial contribution in excess of \$90 per capita! How many towns of less than 1,000 people can match that?

With a community swimming pool, lighted athletic field, public park, picnic grounds, kiddies' playground, etc., the North Douglas communities of Drain and Yoncalla can really be proud. Their memorial, which will honor the men and women of World War II is, without question, the most fitting tribute any grateful people could arrange.

We observe that our esteemed contemporary, the *Laurelwood News*, is keeping up with the modern trend for better typography. The latest issue is a product of the *News*' new "press," appearing in mimeograph rather than hectograph dress. The staff—Paula Helweg, editor; Brian Booth, sports editor; Wayne Henninger, Charlene Boyles, David Morgan, reporters—is to be congratulated.

Woman Leaves \$158,000 To Scientist Church

SEATTLE, July 14 (AP)—Mrs. Annie L. Canfield left \$158,000 of her estate to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., probate proceedings showed today.
 The total estate was estimated at \$250,000. She died July 5. She was the wife of Perry E. Canfield, Seattle wholesale lumberman.

Inmate Wounds Woman, Commits Suicide

SITKA, July 14 (AP)—Sitka police said Charles McClain, a resident of the Pioneer's Home shot and critically wounded Mrs.

Clara Williams, a restaurant employee, and then took his own life in a hotel room Monday night.

Mrs. Williams came here a few weeks ago from Seattle. McClain formerly lived in Petersburg.

MEDAL AWARDED

FORT LEWIS, July 14 (AP)—Col. Kenneth A. Keever, Twin Falls, Idaho, rancher and business man here on temporary duty as a reserve officer, has been awarded the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre, it was announced yesterday.
 Colonel Keever was awarded the medal for "distinguished performance of duty as a member of the military government staff."

OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

Destruction of Every Involved Country in Event of Atomic War Foreseen by Visiting Reservist

James Y. Rogers, visiting here from Charlotte, N. C., foresees nothing but destruction for every country involved in the event of an atomic war, he told Kiwanis Club members at a meeting Tuesday noon in the Umpqua Hotel.

Rogers, who with his wife and child are here visiting Mrs. Rogers' parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Church, is a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army reserves, where he served with the chemical warfare department, and has made a hobby of studying atomic energy. He is currently a textile broker at Charlotte.

Although qualifying his statement by saying there are great opportunities for peacetime uses of atomic energy, he personally had no solution to offer for defense against an atomic attack. He stated that 500 bombs are considered sufficient to completely destroy industrial United States. The armaments picture therefore becomes not a case of which country has the most atomic bombs, but which has sufficient bombs for saturation of a country in the event of an attack. We are living in a new age—the nuclear energy age, which is as important in the progress of civilization as fire was to primitive man, and as the use of chemical energy became in a later period, said Rogers.

Technically, he said, nuclear energy is the ultimate energy of the universe holding the nucleus of atoms together. In an atomic explosion, the energy holding the nucleus together is released. The explosion, he said, is like nothing else known to science, and cannot be compared with a chemical explosion, such as that of dynamite, because it is entirely different.

The atomic bomb is made from uranium ore, the amount of which is limited. So far this is the only

element known from which atomic energy can be obtained. Plutonium, which is also used, is produced from Uranium ore. It is the heaviest element which occurs naturally, he stated.

Rogers discussed briefly the processes involved in producing a bomb, by bringing together two pieces of uranium or plutonium of the correct sizes and with the proper force. None of this information, he said, is secret. He qualified also by stating he knew none of the secrets of atomic energy, aside from that already made public.

He stated that a 20-foot solid gold tube was probably used in the atomic bomb, because gold, according to scientists, is the best metal for such use. It has not been made public whether or not gold was used, he said. The two pieces of uranium are brought together within this tube with a force faster than their nuclear reaction. Otherwise the effect would be lost, he stated.

Rogers discussed methods proposed by this country to set up a United Nations control over the atomic bomb, but Russia refused to permit an inspection or air reconnaissance of their country, he said. He doubts if Russia is at present making atomic bombs, because, he said, he does not believe the Russians have the engineers capable of building an atomic plant.

Rogers and his wife plan to be in Roseburg until July 19, when they will return by air to Charlotte.

Cattle Winners At State Fair to Get Special Premiums

Winning exhibitors in the cattle divisions of the Oregon State Fair in Salem, Sept. 6-12, will not only receive the usual premium money but will also be awarded additional special premiums from the various breed associations.

Manager Leo Spitzbart this week listed the following special premiums to be given during the 1948 State Fair: American Milk Shorthorn Society, 15 per cent additional money; American Guernsey Cattle Club, rosettes for top three places in each class; Red Poll Cattle Club of America and the American Hereford Association, \$1.00 for each \$3.00 paid by the Oregon State Fair.

Superintendent Announced Ben Newell, assistant Marion County agent, was named this week as superintendent of the livestock show. Newell performed in a similar capacity last year. Edwin Riddler of Sherwood will again supervise the swine entries while sheep competition will be supervised by J. J. Thompson of Salem. Poultry entries are under the direction of Kenneth Jennings of West Salem.

Other divisional superintendents as announced by Manager Leo Spitzbart include Mrs. Anna Rundell, Portland, art; Mrs. Alma Krower, Salem, land products; textile and culinary, Anne Hunt McKennon, Salem; and Mrs. Verle Goode of Stayton, floral.

An innovation of the Fair will be the Herdsmen contest designed to increase exhibitor competition between the various breeds in beef, dairy and dual purpose classifications.

Competition will continue throughout fair week and daily results as to point complications will be posted in the livestock barns. Points will be awarded for appearance of animals, condition of barn aisles, appearance of attendants and booths, and breed publicity in designated newspapers.

Superfort Navigator Falls 26,000 Ft. to Death

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 14 (AP)—The navigator of an Army B-29 Superfort from Biggs Field, El Paso, Tex., fell 26,000 feet to his death yesterday when the astrodome of the giant plane "blew out," 11th Naval District Headquarters reported.

The accident occurred near Ream Field, Imperial Beach, south of here. The dead navigator was not identified. The astrodome is believed to have burst or come loose from air pressure inside—much greater than the rarified atmosphere at that altitude.

Instructors Report On Need for Housing

Mrs. Cloyd Riffe was in Roseburg Tuesday from Grants Pass conferring with Superintendent of Schools Paul Elliott and looking for a home to rent. Mrs. Riffe, who with her husband will teach in the Roseburg schools this coming year, said that she is remaining in Grants Pass while Mr. Riffe is in the east, at present attending Fred Waring's choral school.

Mrs. Riffe stated they will need a two-bed room home, as her mother will be with them in Roseburg. Any information on housing may be left with Superintendent Elliott.

In the Day's News

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He simply wouldn't play. So they took the sign that had waved over his headquarters, painted out the Eisenhower part of it, left in the "people's choice for President" wording and painted in the name of Senator Claude Pepper of Florida.

Anybody in a pinch. That is what it meant.

SENATOR PEPPER!

If you've followed the news, you know all about him. His actions and his utterances indicate that he is a cheap little demagogue.

To such straits has the party that once nominated Thomas Jefferson fallen!

WHY has the Democratic party fallen to such depths?

The answer is simple and plain. It held too much power in too few hands TOO LONG, and so in the course of time it degenerated into a pack of politicians fighting over the spoils of office which they now see slipping from their hands.

In the fight to hold power that had already been held too long, President Truman was worked over by these politicians and hangers-on from a simple little man from the country who might have been a fairly good leader if he had been allowed to BE HIMSELF. Acting on sincere motives, Harry S. Truman could have been somebody.

Dominated by men whose No. 1 purpose was to hold onto power at any cost, he has reached the position that now confronts him.

THIS insignificant writer, who can't help being more clearly aware of the dark backdrop of world events against which this tragedy in Philadelphia is being played this week than of the political consequences that are at stake, hopes the Democratic party emerges this fall stronger than was the Republican party in the early 30s when Congress abdicated its powers and so brought us to the place where we now stand.

Too much power held in the hands of the Democratic party too long wrecked us in the late 30s and the early 40s. It will wreck us again in the late 40s and the early 50s if it is placed in the hands of the Republican party.

Too much power is dangerous ANYWHERE, ANY TIME.

DEWEY and Warren are good men. But even good men can't withstand the corroding effects of too much power held too long in too few hands.

Above everything else, at this moment in history, we need leadership who are FIERCELY SINCERE, who will place the good of their country above ALL OTHER considerations and stick through thick and thin to that course.

Somehow or other, human nature being what it is, a loyal and patriotic and determined opposition tends to harden men in sincerity and patriotism in the face of the temptations that power brings.

We can't afford to run again the risks that accompany too much power held in too few hands too long. So let's hope that in some manner the mob that is now the Democratic party can be made over into a power for good. It's hard to see now how it can happen, but miracles have happened. Maybe they can happen again.

Land Appraiser, Radio Technician Positions Open

Federal Civil Service examinations have been announced for the positions of land appraiser in the Portland Engineer District and radio maintenance technician with the Civil Aeronautics Administration in the Pacific Northwest.

Entrance salaries for the land appraiser positions range from \$3,397.20 to \$4,902 per annum. Starting salaries with the Civil Aeronautics Administration range from \$3,331 to \$4,479 per annum plus 25 per cent for service in Alaska.

No written examination will be given qualified applicants for the land appraiser positions. Applicants must be between 18 and 62. The same ages apply to the radio technician position and written tests are required. Further information may be obtained from:

Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, 628 Pittock Block, Portland 5, Oregon; Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first or second-class post office, or from the Regional Director, Eleventh U. S. Civil Service Region, Room 4, Central Building, Seattle 4, for the land appraiser positions.

Applicants must have their applications submitted to the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, not later than Aug. 10.

Complete information on the radio technician positions, together with necessary application forms, may be obtained from the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Civil Aeronautics Administration, P. O. Box 3224, Seattle 14, Washington; the Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, in any first- or second-class United States Post Office; or from the Director, Eleventh U. S. Civil Service Region, Room 4, Central Building, Seattle 4, Washington.

Applications must be on file with the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Civil Aeronautics Administration, not later than Aug. 5, at the Seattle address.

Ex-Californians Will Picnic at Grants Pass

The California Club, made up of Californians who have moved to Oregon, will hold a picnic at the city park in Grants Pass Sunday, July 18, according to telephone information from that city today.

The club is organized as a booster for Oregon, and all ex-Californians, their families and friends are invited to attend. Coffee, cream, sugar and ice cream will be served. Persons attending should bring their own box lunches.

There will be a speaker and program. It was announced.

State Press Comment

FLOOD CONTROL ILLUSIONS

Industrial News Review The recent floods in the Pacific Northwest have been seized upon eagerly by political groups which see a chance to carry their program of socialization of the electric power resources of the country a long step further.

The most grandiose of the plans, proposed by a Cabinet officer, would cost \$6,000,000,000 or more. According to the Christian Science Monitor account, it involves 238 separate projects. Forty-two dams would be built to protect 1,500,000 acres of land along the Columbia and its tributaries. And, as a make-weight, it provides for extensive power projects which, it is said, would help pay the enormous costs.

No one wishes to minimize the damage done by high water in the Northwest. But certain facts should be understood before we pour billions into projects whose need and value are dubious. First of all, the Columbia reached its highest stage in more than fifty years. Seldom does it cause any destruction—its normal flood stage is known, and farmers and businesses in the affected areas are prepared for it. A system of dykes has proven generally satisfactory. In that connection, the city of Vanport—which came into being only because it was necessary to provide temporary housing for shipyard workers during the war—was destroyed when a railroad trestle, which had never been designed to control floods let go.

The amount of damage done to agricultural land by floods is debatable. However, objective surveys show that the greater part of it occurs in headwaters and valleys, rather than on the mainstreams. Enormous quantities of top soil are carried away. The solution to that lies in scientific soil conservation measures carried on voluntarily by farmers, along with the construction of small dams on tributary streams. Throughout the nation, thousands of intelligent farmers are proving that they can protect their land.

The worst illusion of all is that we can combine, in one easy package, reclamation, flood control and power development. An empty dam, ready and able to store the flood waters, is useless for anything else. On the other hand, a power dam must be kept largely full—which is why Bonneville dam was of no value when the flood came.

These are some of the reasons why flood control proposals must be examined with tremendous care. They are, beyond question, being used to the limit by those who wish to socialize American industry, starting in with power, and to create more regional dictatorships like TVA. Flood control is simply an appealing camouflage. The people, who are asked to pay the incredible bills, should understand that.

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