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MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Oregon State Employment Service, reviewing labor conditions in Douglas County, points out that many more workers could be furnished jobs if housing facilities were available. At the same time the Bureau of Census announces that the greatest western migration in history is in progress; that 4,000,000 persons have moved to the Pacific Coast in the past 10 years, and that the migration continues at the rate of 600,000 per year. Oregon, it is announced, has almost overtaken California in the rate of migration, 41.8 against 42.1 per cent, which, says the *Oregon Journal* "makes the movement of the ancient Jews out of Egypt look like kid stuff."

But the mass migration, coupled with the housing shortage, creates a most difficult problem. Because of our long exposure to federal paternalism, we are clamoring for government solution instead of rolling up our sleeves and doing the job ourselves, as we would have done a few years ago before we lost our spirit of independence. Business and industry, crying for workers in the smaller communities, would benefit if they would apply themselves to the task. But, again, our federal tax structure which pyramids short profits on top of long profits in the higher income brackets leaves no encouragement to investors to risk capital in needed rental or low-cost housing units.

The man who has sufficient private capital has no difficulty in securing a home. He can build or buy. But the type of people we need as new residents—skilled workers and their families having only limited capital—cannot come to take jobs open for them because they cannot find housing.

Health Standards Are Lowered

Not only do we have a most critical shortage of housing but we also have a condition which creates a community-wide health menace. How many thousands of people are living in and near Roseburg in house trailers? It would be very interesting to know. Our immediate and overcrowded suburbs are without sanitary facilities, yet only one subdivision, Riverside, is doing anything about it. Riverside has at least made a survey and is preparing to determine a policy. Not only are thousands of our people living in the very midst of danger, but the entire community is subject to the menace.

Suburban areas, we believe, are guilty of criminal negligence in failing to join the municipality and install sanitary sewers. Those are harsh words, but we believe any physician or other health authority will say they are none too harsh.

If we had reached a static position in population the solution might come in time of its own accord. But we are not static. Our population is growing much faster than we are building homes. People still are coming to the Pacific Coast at the rate of 600,000 per year, according to the Census Bureau, and Roseburg is getting its proportionate share. The Employment Service points out that we need still more people than we are getting, particularly skilled and semi-skilled workers. But where shall we put them? Every makeshift residence only adds to the health menace. Our planning should be directed to the future.

Exciting Years Ahead

The migration to the Pacific Coast offers promise of many interesting and exciting changes for our own particular area. Heretofore our markets have been in the Mid-West and East. Tomorrow they will be on the Pacific Coast. California's enormous growth, her demand for water reservoirs, her rapid industrial expansion, all are taking thousands of acres out of agricultural production while increasing the number of mouths to feed. California soon will be absorbing all of Oregon's agricultural surpluses.

California's immense building program will need the products of our forests. Her industries will want cut and manufactured items from our timber industry. We will have a near and ready market for everything we can grow and manufacture.

The hydroelectric resources of the Pacific Northwest assure a tremendous industrial development in coming years. The migration to the Pacific Coast will increase in tempo rather than decrease as we expand our power production. Even now it will take five years to catch up in power demand.

The Far West is having a blood transfusion. From it we will gain strength and energy. We have only barely started our transformation. Our planning must not be confined to today and today's problems, but must include the vision so clearly imprinted on the crystal ball.

LETTERS to the Editor

Wallace Seen as Most Deadly Danger to U. S.

CANYONVILLE—Henry Wallace goes to Russia, makes his peace with Moscow, returns and starts a third party for the presidency of the United States.

What a laugh! "A good idea" says G.O.P. leaders. "The votes Henry gets will lessen those that Harry will get and that will help us win the election this fall. Why, we can even afford to spend a little money on Henry's campaign."

Never a thought for the real danger to our country if, by any miscarriage of justice, Henry Wallace and party should win the election.

How many voters also are

thinking about supporting Henry Wallace's ticket have considered the fact that if Henry Wallace won the election he would automatically become the Commander-in-Chief of our Army and Navy and all they stand for? He would have control of the banks and all they stand for, and your property and my home would be collateral for his promises to Russia or others.

I think Henry Wallace and what he stands for is the most deadly danger we have to face. He not only could and would stop the draft and Marshall plan but lay down to all preparedness for our safety and protection.

Wake up voters and tie the can to him and his kind. If they wish a life of serfdom, let them go to Russia. She will welcome them.

Long live the Stars and Stripes and all they stand for! Without the hope they bring to the world it would be a dark hour, indeed.

LOU KNIGHT
Canyonville, Ore.

OUT OUR WAY



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

The little girl was big enough now to wash dishes, but oh, how she hated the task, probably because she was an only child and worked alone.

So while she washed dishes she would memorize a quotation for the next day's roll-call. The verse, carefully copied in round childish script, was pinned up over the sink. Her hands might be in the dishpan—but her mind was not! In this way she found refuge from hated tasks.

I wonder how many others who answered Miss Alice Murphy's roll-call with the quotation required of each pupil, learned to love poetry at an early age? I had come to the little red schoolhouse in a tiny Western New York village from an English school where I had carried my doll and greeted the headmistress with a curtsy. Yet I realized, one day, that I owed a debt of gratitude to that pretty young school teacher in the little red schoolhouse who made my time with her a happy memory.

I have a queer-looking "An-

thology" like nothing else ever given that name. Scattered through it are bits of paper on which are written some of those quotations . . . for I began the anthology by cutting up half a dozen old notebooks. Each item was classified under the author's name, extra blank pages left after each letter-section, then all pages numbered. Over 800 sheets of wide variety and color. The items on each page are lettered, so if I find an item is 846-d. I know it is the fourth item on page 846. The method works out well with any scrapbook, of course.

One day, after frantically searching for a cherished verse I wanted to use in a Mending Basket, I had set to work and made a first-line index. The time that saved, and the convenience it was! In the back is a Miscellaneous section where one finds anything not fitting in elsewhere. The trick is to be sure and index each new clipping—I still have hints!

"And that fellow Anonymous sure wrote a lot of poetry!"

In the Day's News

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ALWAYS pay the penalty.

It still looks like a compromise settlement of the Berlin hot spot.

(The National Zeitung of Berlin, a Russian-licensed newspaper that prints what Moscow tells it to print, says as this is written that Western diplomats in Moscow are to see Foreign Minister Molotov and fix the time and place of a four-power conference.)

Another four-power conference will BRING DELAY.

It is probably true that the longer we can stave off the shooting the better the chances of peace will be. But we'll be very foolish indeed if we permit ourselves to forget that Moscow will be likely to order the shooting to start whenever the Kremlin Communists are convinced they can lick us.

THE Communist foreign minister of Romania accuses the United States of using "dollar diplomacy" in trying to get a strong position in the Danube basin. That's an obvious phony. Russia now controls the entire lower basin of the Danube and will do with it exactly as she pleases BECAUSE SHE HAS THE POWER TO DO SO.

Whatever we say about the Danube amounts merely to muttering into our beards for the official record, and we know it.

A WORD here as to the Danube. It is the world's greatest inland commercial waterway. It rises in Germany and flows south-eastward into the Black Sea. For centuries it has carried the agricultural products of its lower areas upstream to Germany and the industrial products of Germany downstream to the agricultural regions around the Black Sea.

Upon this trade, the economy of modern Europe has been built.

If Europe is split at the Elbe (as was decreed at Yalta) this es-

tablished economy will be destroyed. If we undertake to rehabilitate Western Europe, WE'LL have to take more of the Western European's manufactured products and sell them more of our agricultural products and raw materials.

Our manufacturers won't like the idea. Our farmers WILL like it. That will mean another big tariff battle in Congress.

THUS do the tidal waves that are started by the explosions of great wars reach to the farthest corners of the world, changing the lives and the habits of all of the peoples of the world.

LET'S close this solemn piece on a farcial note.

The nudists are holding a convention in New Jersey. The reporters are going to town on it, ringing in all the good old stuff about mosquitoes and bare bodies and what happens when the two come together. We read it and smile, and for a moment the tension is broken.

The nudists are nuts, of course. But at least they're better than schizophrenics of the Hitler-Mussolini-Stalin type whose antics CAN'T be smiled at.

National Guard To Get More Planes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Air Force yesterday ordered 158 utility planes for the Army and National Guard.

The \$2,500,000 order was placed with the Ryan Aeronautical Company of San Diego, Calif., and the first deliveries are expected within a few months.

The utility planes, known as L-17B Navions, are a modified version of a civilian four-seater. This type is used by the Army for reconnaissance, personnel and cargo carrying and other odd jobs.

Today's order raises the total purchases of this type to 241.

About one-third will be sent to Army commands overseas, one-third to U. S. Army bases and the remainder to the National Guard.

By J. R. Williams

Three More File For State Posts

SALEM, Aug. 11 (AP)—Three more files for state representative were announced today by the State Election Division.

They are: Talmadge F. Staley, Portland, for the 5th District, which includes Multnomah county.

John H. Belgen, route 4, Albany, Progressive, for the district including Benton county.

A. C. Heyman, Albany, Progressive, for the Linn county district.

Prisoner's Note Strays Into Hands of Judge

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 11 (AP)—Common Pleas Judge Glenn O. Morris glanced out of a window yesterday and saw a fluttering piece of paper.

It landed on a third floor offset of the courthouse—just outside the judge's office.

Curious the judge squeezed through the casement windows and retrieved the paper.

He read a plea from a County Jail inmate on the eighth floor for back saw blades. It was addressed to "Dear Cousin" and "Brother."

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

'BOILERPLATE' PROPAGANDA

The Oregon Statesman (Salem) When critics like Upton Sinclair or George Seldes rave about the "prostitution of the press," they generally get scant attention. But when a group of newspapermen like the Society of Nieman Fellows says the same thing in more gentle terms, any journalistic shudder shrugging would be an impertinence.

The Christian Science Monitor quotes from the July issue of the Nieman Fellowship Bulletin that a single editorial was carried by 39 newspapers with a circulation of 390,000. The "canned" material was prepared and sent out by a company in Portland, Oregon, which, it says, "distributes pre-written editorials to newspapers on behalf of power interests."

Of these newspapers, only one acknowledged the source of its editorials; the rest used it as homegrown opinion.

No wonder the Monitor frowns. The right of a newspaper to discuss matters of public interest salted with its own considered opinions is not to be taken lightly, and the editors who lament "the decreasing influence of the editorial page" have only their ethical colleagues to blame. Readers are wise not to take every newspaper's editorials at face value when they don't know whose opinions they are being handed.

For a hundred-year period—between the 1830s when the penny press developed and the 1930s when by-line stories and syndicated columns became popular—personal journalism and the editorial page suffered a slump in prestige. It's still a long jump from Horace Greeley to the Al-Sop brothers and today's responsible editorial writers, but the affinity is there.

It would be unfortunate, indeed, if the American press again lost its hard-won prestige through the basic dishonesty of the practices exposed by the Nieman Report. Using someone else's material is not the sin. As the Monitor points out, "hiding the source—and the apparent propaganda purpose behind this material—is the real fault here."

Eventually, this sort of malpractice would result in a papered public unable to distinguish between honest opinion and clever propaganda.

By such constructive criticism of the nation's newspapers, the Nieman fellows, practicing newspapermen with graduate fellowships at Harvard, are making good use of the million-dollar trust fund Lucius Nieman, founder of the Milwaukee Journal, set aside "to elevate the standards of journalism."

High School Driver Program Will Be Expanded This Year

Approximately 5,000 cars will be in use in high school driver training programs in the United States during the coming year, according to Dr. Amos E. Neyhart, head of the department of public safety, Pennsylvania State College, who stopped in Portland enroute to Vancouver, B. C.

While in Portland, Dr. Neyhart conferred with officials of the Oregon State Motor Association on plans for the high school teacher training course which he will conduct here Aug. 23-27. Neyhart is the driver training consultant for the A. A. A.

"During the past school year, the American Automobile Association assigned 1,500 dual control cars to high schools in this country," Neyhart said. "In addition, another 1,500 were assigned by dealers and other groups, bringing the total to 3,000. From present indications, this number will be increased to around 5,000 during the coming school year."

In virtually every state in the nation, and in Canada and the Hawaiian Islands, high school administrators are showing increased interest in the driver training program. Requests for teacher training courses reach the A. A. A. in numbers greater than we can handle them at present."

Last year there were 35 dual control cars assigned to Oregon high schools through the Oregon State Motor Association and this year, seven new schools already have been added to the program. Neyhart paid tribute to the driver training work in this state, pointing to the fact that from no activity at all, the state had 35 programs active in one year.

Top of the World Life Checked By Scientist Group

POINT BARROW, Alaska, Aug. 11 (AP)—Everything under the sun—which sets for only a few minutes each day—is being checked by some of the United States' top scientists at this top of the world village.

The experiments are being carried out at the two-story, round-roof building that houses the Arctic Institute, sponsored by the Office of Naval Research.

But the research is not military. For example: One scientist took a casual evening stroll across the marshy tundra and returned with six species of mushrooms never before recorded in these latitudes.

Dr. Carl J. Henkelmann of Lincoln, Neb., a dentist, is spending the summer making impressions of Eskimos' teeth. The work will form the basis for conclusions about Eskimo diet and its effect on their teeth.

Two zoologists, Dr. Donald R. Griffin and Raymond J. Hoek of Cornell University, are banding birds and releasing them far from their nests to determine how long it takes them to return home.

The birds return quicker the second time, indicating they are capable of "learning" landmarks rather than possessed of a "magnetic sense" of navigation, the two men report.

Dr. Laurence Irving of Swarthmore, Institute director, termed the work "basic research."

"We are trying to find out everything we can about life in the Arctic."

Already, he said, observations have shown rather conclusively that, to survive the cold Arctic winter, man should rely on furs and not fat.

"Areas of subcutaneous fat obtained from reindeer and blubber from ringed and bearded seals were inferior in insulation (value) to an equivalent thickness of furs or feathers," Dr. Irving reported.

"In still air, the insulation provided by the blubber was roughly half that of the same thickness of fur."

Researchers from Harvard, Columbia and California Institute of Technology also are working on various projects here.

University of Washington scientists will join the party late this year.

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